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Argentina's Independiente

The Times Portfolio compe-tition prize of £2,000 was shared by two winners yester-day. Mr Grenville Paull of Sidcup, Kent and Mr Peter Brown of Pulborough, West Sussex, each receives £1,000. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back

Union threat to benefit payments

Mr. williams

A claim for an extra £15 a week backed by the threat of an all-out stile, which could halt all benefit payments has set the Civil and Public Services Association on a collision course with the Government

Curfew clamped on Colombo

The Sri Lankan Government declared a night curfew in Colombo and ordered troops to shoot trouble makers on eight to prevent a backlash by the capital's mainly Sinhaleso in-habitants against the Tamil minority Earlier report parts.

BR 'in the pint carriages pink as part of a package to make services more

attractive and profitable. Page 3 Euro-link cash

£4.4 billion cross-Channel link between Britain and France could be funded by a British Telecom type flotation, accordng to Sir Nigel Broackes, new British chairman of the Anglo-French consortium Euroroute

Painter elected

Mr Roger de Grey, the painter, who was favoured to succeed Sir Hugh Casson as president of the Royal Academy, has had his election approved by the Queen

Air sale mooted Shorts, the Belfast aircraft manufacturer, may be a candi-

Douglas Hurd, the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced in a Commons written reply.

Acid rebels

fory MEPs are openly defying Mrs Thatcher by joining the attack on Britain's policy over

Commons break

The House of Commons will rise for the Christmas recess on Friday, December 21, and return on Wednesday, January 9, the Government announced

Champion loses

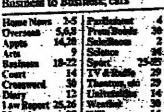
Martina Navratilova was beaten in the Australian Open 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, by Helena Sakova, of Czechoslovakia, her first defeat in 75 games Page 23

Letters: On Tory troubles, from Mr M Lingens; pensions, from Mr Leif Mills, British Council, from Sir John Burgh Leading articles: Economics of coal; Bhopal disaster, Indepen-

cient prosecution service Features, pages 10-12 King Husain's proposals for peace: Harbour pilots face the chop; Teachers' pay talks hit the chalk dust; Philip Howard defends school classics; Full house in the West-End; The

obsessive Mahler amateur Obituary, page 14 Mr Rene Ledesert, Mr Peter

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Thatcher says tax cuts are needed to tackle poverty

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday underlined the Government's commitment to cut taxation in aext year's calculations that he would have budget by raising thresholds to room for tax cuts next year of take more people out of paying

Mrs Margaret Thatcher responded to the growing ex-pression of doubts on the Conservative back benches about the Government's taxcutting strategy, doubts strengthened by the disputs over overseas aid and student grants, by emphasizing twice in the Commons that reductions in taxation were needed to

tackle the poverty trap.

There is a great need to lift taxation at the threshold to help those on comparatively low wages and to increase the gap between those on social security and those on earnings," she

Later, opening the debate on his autumn economic statement, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reaffirmed the likelihood of tax cuts worth £1,500 million in the budget. He, too, clearly laid the

emphasis on raising thresholds.

Their restatement of a central tenet of the Government's economic strategy came as an increasing number of Conservative MPs have called on the Government to forget about tax cuts and use any surplus revenue on direct measures to stimulate employment. They

contempt of court.

Treasury select committee, in a critical report published yester-day, questioned Mr Lawson's calculations that he would have the order of £1,500 million.

As the opposition parties sought to make the most of what they thought was her discomfiture over the education grants retreat. Mrs Thatcher had to make clear to one of her own backbenchers, Sir Kenneth Lewis, MP for Stamford and Spalding, that the additional money made available by the Treasury could not be seen as a prelude to relaxations else-where. "We have to take steps to contain public expenditure,"

She reacted angrily to Mr Neil Kinnock's charge that the Government had robbed science to save its own skin by defending its record of research funding and stating that the biggest expenditure cuts in the past 10 years had come under the Labour Government. Mr Lawson said that the

Government by having a firm grip on public spending, holding it broadly constant in real terms. over a period of years, would have progressive scope for reductions in taxation not just for the few but for the many. That had been achieved by tax threshold increases well ahead of inflation and he hoped to continue to do so.

opposition to that objective on his own side was made swiftly

It came also as the all-party plain to Mr. Lawson by the Conservative MP for Lindsey East, who said that if he cut £1,500 million off taxes most of it would be spent on imports,

> Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, accused the Government of having no policy to deal with unemployment. Conservative MPs had misjudged the mood of the country if they believed people preferred tax cuts to seeing something done about the jobless total, he said.

But it will be the continuing

reservations on their own back benches that will be of most concern to ministers. Mr Terence Higgins, Conservative MP for Worthing and the chairman of the Treasury select committee, immediately voiced uncertainty over the Prime Minister's emphasis on raising tax thresholds. He said it would be a mistake to suppose that could be done on a sufficient scale to make a serious impact on the poverty

Mr Lawson said during the debate that the Government's policies were calculated to improve the prospects of jobs that could be sustained into the future. No party would deliber-But the strength of the ately foster an increase in unemployment, he said.

TUC sanctions strikes in support of miners

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The TUC gave the go ahead the High Court appointed re-last night for legally-risky ceiver, thereby putting the industrial action in support of entire labour movement into the pit strike, but drew back from taking any steps to help the miners that would bring the Mr Arthur Scargill, president

of the miners' union, left the wider labour movement into talks at Congress House last night claiming a very successful and produit we day. But the TUC should mobilize the force of the labeler movement behind industrial action to back the coal strike, and pump money into the mneworkers organization so that it could have income After day-long talks with leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers, the TUC's seven man liaison group appointed to monitor the progress of the 3-week strike called on all tion so that it could lease new offices in Sheffield and pay its way in defiance of the Hight affiliated unions "to redouble efforts to take action that will

Court receivership. back to the negotiating table in order to settle the dispute." Senior sources within within TUC, however, indignantly denied that it was an NGA The TUC body also agreed to style sellout" and pointed out that the TUC has effectively support "all possible measure designed to enable the NUM to continue with its functions" but sanctioned strike action in legal advice has ruled out direct support of the industrial objecfinancing of the NUM on the tives of the NUM in their long grounds that it could be seen as confrontation over pit closures.

a challenge to the authority of Expert legal guidance ten-

Benn calls for general strike

By Julian Haviland and Anthony Bevins

member of Labour's national

might help to bring the Prime

Mr Benn said workers in

great public industries and services were being "bought and sold by speculators as if they

A general strike might prove the only way of reminding the

Government that their class allies, the bankers, industrial-

ists, stockbrokers, judges, editors, chief constables and

generals cannot dig coal, manu-

acture goods, move trains, care

for the sick or teach the young".

demned the idea of a general

Neil Kinnock earlier con-

Minister to her senses.

were slaves."

Chesterfield the longest serving strike at a meeting with Mr member of Labour's national Scargill, when he said that such

executive committee, said the a move would be wounding and

Government must be told that even terminally damaging to

dered to the TUC evidently suggests that industrial action by unions sympathetic to the NUM will not be in contempt of the High Court provided it is mounted in support of the miners' objectives in halting pit closures and not in any way deliberately designed to thwart the activities of the receiver appointed to manage the finances and assets.

But the same counsel's advice argues that the TUC would find itself in the dock for contempt along with the NUM if it supplied money to the miners union to rent offices, pay its staff and run the day to day operations of the 200,000 member union.

The liaison group agreed yesterday: to reiterate support for the NUM in line with Congress policy and to call on affiliates to redouble efforts to

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The Labour leader believes most strongly that anyone with

pretensions to a socialist per-

spective cannot possibly miss the point that a general strike

would be a diversion from the

central argument. He 'also

believes that picket-line and other strikers' violence equally

obstructs the case for coal

because it provides a media

field and Mr Mick McGahey,

general secretary and vice-presi-

dents at the Commons yester-day, he was met with blank

But when he put that point to

diversion.



against Union Carbide

The government of the state

of Machya Pradesh yesterday filed a case of criminal negli-cence against the local subsidiary of Union Carbide, owners of the pesticide factory where more than 2,000 people have died after Monday's leak of poisonous gas.

Members of the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation zed factory records and told officials not to leave. Soon after the leak, it was learned yesterday, police arrested five officials at the plant responsible for maintenance of the gas tanks.

where the tragedy occured, will investigate before deciding whether to prosecute. Police refused to allow Mr.

mittee that increased reliance by the oil industry on the spot markets was leading BNOC to review its system of buying and selling on three-month term He said that BNOC had kept its price structure intact in July Opec moves to stabilize prices.

marginally lower. The gap

widened to almost \$2 a barrel

and now stands at \$28.65 for

the BNOC contract price and

Under participation agree-ments with the oil companies

500,000 barrels a day are bought

by BNOC and immediately sold

on the spot market.

back to the companies. The

market

The BMA said: "The latest campaign shows someone putas if it had already been full The decision then to keep the

"It is really suggesting that you can have a few, and it is BNOC price at \$30 a barrel led to many of the corporation's dangerous for young people who may not be used to alcohol customers moving to the spot markets where prices were then

The AA was equally firm: "If you are going to drive don't drink, and if you are going to

campaign will be an effective new initiative in dealing with

one of the biggest menaces on

Mrs Chalker added: "Of

course, the only safe message is to have zero drink if you drive.

We are trying to be realistic.
We are not saying prohibition,
that's not the law. What we are
doing is educating people to
think."

drink don't drive. "We accept what Lynds Chalker meant when she said you cannot lecture young people because they will im-mediately reject it. But at the end of the day you would't

expect us to say anthing other than 'don't drink and drive.' The £1.15 million campaign uses three posters, showing young people crippled in road accidents caused by drink-driv-

ing. One, "Steve's Saturday on the terrace", shows a young man in a wheelchair on the steps of a nursing home.

Mrs Chalker said: "I have had sight of these posters for a long time - and I still shudder when I look at them."

Negligence case is filed

Mrs Chalker launching the drink-driving slogan

yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

'Stay low' anti-drink

campaign attacked

The Government's Christ-

mas campaign against drunken

drivers ran into a mixed reception when it was launched

yesterday. There were claims

The campaign, aimed specifically at teenagers, uses the alogan: "Stay low or you might live to regret it."

The British Medical Association fine; and the Antomobile

preferred the all-embracion

touch alcohol at all.

and sensible.

advice that drivers should not

Scottish police forces have also criticized the new cam-

paign, saying that its slogan invited drivers to have a drink.

Transport, Mrs Lynda Chalk-

er, who launched the campaign,

defended the theme as realistic

"The message has got to be

believable. You can't preach at

The Minister of State for

that it encouraged drinking.

Under Indian law, police in the state capital of Bhopal;

Warren Woomer, an American executive of the company, and an investigative team, to enter the factory yesterday, and placed a guard on the badly-gassed Mr Shakeel Ahmed, the only employee in the plant when the gas leaked from a 45ton underground storage tank at

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Kanak's fight goes on, says man in Jaws shirt equal size. None of them looked friends were. "Independen-

two cars from a meeting when

they were stopped by Euro-

peans at a roadblock. Dyna-

mite was thrown into one car

and the men were shot as they

tried to escape. Two of the

dead were brothers of M Jean-

Pierre Tribaou.

From Alan Hamilton

Tony Benn called on the Labour movement yesterday to

prepare urgently for a general strike, of 24 hours or longer to protect free trade unionism.

colitical freedom and civil

Speaking at a rally in support

of striking miners at St Ives,

Cambridgeshire, he said no one would contemplate such action

unless it became the only

alternative to capitulating to a

dictatorship. But the Govern-

ment had mobilized the full

apparatus of state power against

no guarantee that the attacks would not intensify until the

country had passed the point of

no return, as in Germany and

Italy before the last world war

Mr Benn, Labour MP for

or more recently in Chile.

orking people, and there was

iberties in Britain

Noumea, New Caledonia

It had been an hlyllic drive. The mountain road snaked up from the hibisons heavy plain, through hish tropical forest and alongside green patches where silky brown cattle ruminated in dday sun. Far below were the torpid tourists on the white sand, while the energetic boated on the clear guest water

of the lagoon.
when Captain Cook named it
New Calodonia in 1774, he had either never been to Scotland.

or it was raining that day.

The first sign of trouble was
a madable tree whose overhauging boughs had been
needy and savagely hacked, but
had stabbornly refused to fall. Half a mile further on, a felled tree blocked threequarters of

Nine people have been killed: and three seriously injured in a night ambush at the remote New Caledonia village of Hienghene, 300 miles form the capital. All were Melanesians, members of the Kanak community. They were returning in

the read. Edging past, its crisp, dead leaves yielded up a delicions scent of sandalwookd.

Then another tree to squeeze past on the edge of a ravine, then rocks large and small scattered on the tarmer and finally, round the next bend, a wall of earth felled trees and

eaching, it would have re-

quired earth-moving machinery

silence, but only for a moment.

From within a thicket there sprang a large Kanak, woolly bearded and wearing a T-shirt depicting the cinema's most famous shark. He was immediately fol-

wearing nothing but shorts and the occasional gandy shirt of the kind tourists bring back from Hawaii. None appeared to be carrying fiverens, but Jaws carried a 2ft long wooden clab and one of his beachmen wielded a rusty macheie of

uppy. Looking into the bushes

whence they had sprung, a well-hidden yellow bulldozer was visible, bearing the name of a local French building contractor. Was there, on thought fleetingly, a cooking pot in there as well?

They crowded menacingly around the car, opened the boot and searched every glove pocket and under every seat. The smell of secondhand drink hing heavy in the air. Jaws requested my passport

it was not a good moment to refuse. Just then smother cardrove up the valley, saw from a distance what was afoot, spun round in a cloud of red dust and raced back down the hill at top I asked Jaws who he and his

tister" he replied, adding that they had manned the barricade for a fortnight and had cut off

the village of Thio.

He and his men were under M Eloi Machoro, Minister of Security in the new and as yet government, which is now almost a week old. M Machoro gained international fame during last month's local elections when he was photographed taking an axe to a ballot box.

"The very man I have come to see," I said in passable French. "I have here a laissez passer from him allowing him to pass all the Kanak's roadblocks." "Bon," said Jaws, then pointed out with irrefut-able logic that a small piece of Continued on back page, col 6.

Taxpayer Hijackers bales out 'murder insolvent' four oil giant hostages'

oil trading company, is techni-

The result is that BNOC has

of its daily oil purchases from

the North Sea at less than the

BNOC is now looking at new

ways of buying and selling the 51 per cent of North Sea oil

output or 1.3 million barrels

select committee that on Sep-

resources; but once that pos-

tion was reached it was

necessary to give the assurance

quickly so that the corporation

remained in a position to meet

its commitments as they arose."

thief executive, told the com-

Mr Ian Goskirk, the BNOC

that it handles each day.

told yesterday.

month contract.

hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner killed at least four of their The British National Oil hostages at Tehran airport yesterday, according to officials Corporation, the state-owned

cally insolvent and is being kept The Iranian news agent going only by £45 million of irma, said one passenger, fled on to the gangway stairs outside the plane before the taxpayers' money, the Com-mons Energy Committee was hijackers killed him with six The reason is that Britain tried in vain to keep world oil shots, was a US consular employee in Pakistan.

prices bigh and maintain its earnings. But day-to-day deal-ings have brought down the The State Department in Washington said earlier that a passenger killed on Tuesday, the first day of the hijack, might have been one of three US officials on board the plane. had to sell more than one third Irna described how consular employee was shot

price it paid in buying from the oil producers under three-"At 3.50pm local time (1220gmt), the hijackers brought out two passengers of the plane to the staircase of the aircraft and started counting lown, threatening to kill them. "One of the passenger:

speaker, said: "Tell the Kumaiti

Since the summer, half of requested a loudspeaker and pleaded with Knwaiti officials to meet the demands of the BNOC's term contract customers, who between them bought 400,000 barrels of North hijackers. Otherwise, he said ea crude a day, have switched the hijackers would kill him. to buying on the spot markets. The American passenge The Department of Energy (the US consular employee). yesterday told the all-party speaking through the loud

tember 19 it gave BNOC an assurance that the Government authorities to provide the bijackers with a pilot and co vould cover its losses. pilot because they are seriou-However, the department bout their threats' . . . said yesterday that since Parlia-About 10 minutes later, t ment was in recess at the time it agency said, "the hijac', then killed the Ameriwas not possible to give the customary 14 days notice.

passenger by firing The department told select committee: "It would not have bullets. The hijackers also thre. been right to give the assurance ened to blow up the pilite it. according to Irna, "humait: officials did not free their until it became certain that the corporation would not be able to meet its losses from its own friends".

The Iranian agency bassaid the hijackers are seeking the release of a number of men jailed or sentenced to death in Kuwait for bombing the US and French embassies and other buildings a year ago.

The hijackers have de-manded a fresh pilot and copilot, apparently so they can fly out of Tehran. One of the pilots on board the plane is a Briton. Harry Clark,

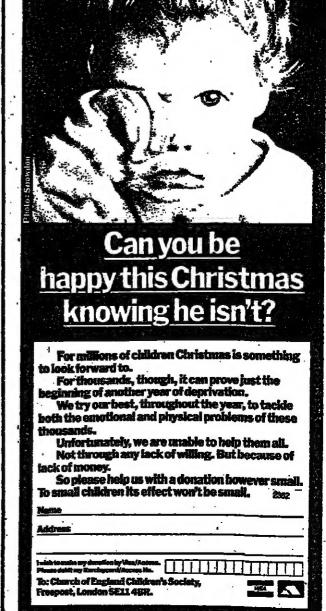
Law of the Sea treaty denied UK signature

Britain has finally decided to follow the United States and West Germany in refusing to sign the UN convention on the Law of the Sea (Henry Stanhope writes). \$27.60 on the Rotterdam spot

But, like the West Germans it will not oppose signature by the European Community as a

Britain had hoped for improvements to the provisions on seabed mining but none has been forthcoming. So far 138 countries have

remaining 800,000 barrels were previoulsy sold on contract, but signed but only 14 have ratified now half is being sold at a loss It could be 10 years before the rest do.



The Children's Society.

All-out stoppage threat to benefits as servants press pay claim

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

union last night set course for a pay confrontation with the Government by agreeing a claim for an extra £15 a week The claim is backed up by the threat of an all-out strike which could hit unemployment and social security benefits.

Pay negotiations in the Civil Service are not due to start until early next year and the left-wing leadership of the Civil and Public Services Association is likely to be isolated, as other more moderate unions are planning a joint claim without any immediate threat of action.

The CPSA strategy was drawn up at a special delegate conference in London yesterday. The conference approved a suggestion from the executive that no exception should be made if there industrial action. a new policy that rush contrary to the present situation where the union guarantees emergency payments of social benefits.

Mr Alistair Graham, the moderate general secretary of the union, told delegates: "The time is right for the members to show their discontent. I detect even the Government are showing the slightest bit of embarrassment at the gap between pay increases in the public service and the rest of the

He argued that since 1980 a typical clerical worker in private industry had received pay rises of between £30 and £35 a week

Britain's largest Civil Service £23 during the same period for The time for restraint is

membership into revolt", he said, but added that the union would have to comply with the Government's new Trade Union Act and hold a membership ballot before calling the The hard-line strategy won

overwhelming backing from the Delegate conference with only a

are expected to deliver an ultimatum to leader of 400 strikers at the Department of centres at Livingston in Scot-land and at Reading, Berkshire, benefits, to come out on strike in support of the DHSS

Road traffic forecast to rise by 25-30%

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

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AUBERON WAUGH on Sir Keith Joseph:

66...it is nothing less than the spectre of wine in boxes which makes me bay for the blood of this class traitor, and will have me on the streets in the summer, arms linked and chanting: 'The middle classes, united, have never been defeated."

CHRISTOPHER **FILDES**

66Those who make corsets will be pleased, and those who wear them may be less pleased to learn that the Department of Trade has imposed a quota, limiting the import of corsets from Hong Kong. That, says the Department, goes for braces too, and garters, and parts of brassieres made of fine animal bair (I say ...). They are all being kept out with a device supplied by the Common Market, and described as a Basket Extractor. I cannot wait to see this illustrated in one of those small, square advertisements in the Sunday papers, but imagine that it works on the same principle as a shoehorn."?

FERDINAND MOUNT on alienation:

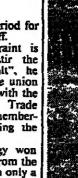
66... it is the fear of crowds which is responsible for some of the most ghastly effusions by intellectuals in the 20th century. >>

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small amount of resistance from moderates working in the Ministry of Defence. Senior officials of the union

Health and Social Security's main computer centre at New-castle upon Tyne, that if they do not return to work their strike pay will be ended by the union. The decision to take a firm line to end the strike was taken by the CPSA executive, which also decided that it would under no circumstances encourage members working at computer who process unemployment

The executive decision angered a special delegate conference of DHSS members in London yesierday who called for it to be reversed. They have been on strike for nine months in a dispute over a reduction in

Road traffic in Britain is casts, replacing those issued in expected to grow faster to the July 1980, predict traffic rises of year 2000 than was thought 23-50 per cent, or between when official forecasts were last 60,000 and 140,000 million made four years ago. The vehicle kilometres, compared Department of Transport's new with 150,000 during the past National Road Traffic Fore- years.

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Prison for 'Hell's Angels' riot

Sentences of up to eight years were imposed yesterday on men convicted of taking part in a pitched battle at a Hell's Angels party which left two dead. Three members of the motor

cycle group, the Road Rats, and three members of the rival Satan Slaves were jailed for riot. The jury at Winchester Crown Court was told that the hattle began after a woman was staked out and sexually abused at an anniversary party of the Windsor chapter of the Hell's Angels. Some of the men taking part were said to have objected to photographs being taken of their club colours.

The fight began in a marquee at Cookham, Berkshire, and then spread to a cottage in the grounds. Two men died from stab wounds and others were seriously injured. Police later found a vast array of weapons.

The heaviest sentence was on John Connolly, a Road Rat, jailed for a total of eight years

for affiny and riot.

The judge, Mr Justice Sheldon, said that he had been a prime mover and leading light" in last September's battle. The publid, in my opinion, have to be spared your com-pany for a considerable time,"

Connolly, aged 31, of Minerva Road, Kingston upon Thames, south west London has previous convictions for affray. The court was told that in 1975 he and other Road Rats had been refused entry to a club in Barry, South Wales, and in the resultant melee a petrol bomb was thrown, the club manager's son was set alight and the club manager sustained

a fractured skull. Simon Willis, aged 25, a Satan Slave, of Eldon Road, Haldon, near Exeter, was jailed for a total of six years for riot and possessing an offensive weapon; Neil Grimshaw, aged 27, of Blare Cottages, Bearly, near Exeter, a total of six years for riot and possessing an offensive weapon; and his brother Paul, aged 32, of Pitt Farm, Whitestone, Exeter, five years for riot





Aping the parade: Officer cadets and their instructors in playful mood yesterday before a rehearsal for today's Sovereign Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst at which the Queen will be represented by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence (Photograph; David Osborn).

Two IRA men killed by Army

From Richard Ford Belfast

An Army undercover squad yesterday shot dead two Pro-visional IRA terrorists who were thought to be on their way to murder a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

The soldiers, in plain clothes, were hiding in the grounds of a psychiatric hospital near Londonderry awaiting the terrorists. As the terrorists drove along a road in the grounds of Gransha Hospital on a motor

cycle they were intercepted by the soldiers biding near a nurses' home. Two separate bursts of gunfire were heard. By the time police arrived, the soldiers had disappeared and the bodies lay on the ground covered by blankets.

The RUC said that two loaded handguns had been found near the bodies of Daniel Docherty. aged 23, a married man with a young son from the Creggan estate, and William Fleming, aged 19, single from the Gobnascale estate. Both men came from Lon-

donderry and according to a statement from the Provisional IRA were on "active service" when they died. It is believed that the Army had intelligence reports that the two men were going to kill a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

By David Hewson

The artist Roger de Grey became the Royal Academy's

twenty-first president in 216

years yesterday in the art

election.

world's version of a papal

Mr de Grey, aged 66, a leading figure in the academy

since he became its treasurer in

1976, apparently won the race

by a clear head. Mr Piers Rodgers, the academy's sec-

retary declined the release

voting figures in the election but added: "There is no blood on

the floor. It only took a few

rounds of voting to reach a

In the traditional manner, Mr

Rodgers appeared on the steps of the accdemy's staircase to announce the result to a waiting

crowd of academy followers,

journalists, and puzzled mem-bers of the public who were

wondering what was keeping

them from the exhibitions. Flanked by Mr de Grey and

the retiring president, Sir Hugh Casson, Mr Rodgers announced

that the Queen, who is the academy's patron and protec-

tor, had been pleased to signify her approval of the result of the

de Grey even before the announcement indicated that

night reported to have signed a

Commons motion warning Mr

Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the

Mr Robert Adley, Conserva-

tive MP for Christchurch and mittee,

Exchequer, against any attempt to impose value-added tax on

Arts Correspondent

Tories dominate on GLC abolition body

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter The Government has re- Alliance. The Tories include sponded to pressure from the several ministers and parlia-Opposition to allow one of the mentary private secretaries.

largest standing committees to be formed for the detailed scrutiny of the Local Govern-ment Bill, which abolishes the Standing committees nor-mally have about 18 members but the Labour Party, more than 100 of whose MPs are in Greater London Council and the areas covered by the GLC and the metropolitan councils, the metropolitan county coun-But the Conservatives will pressed for more.

have a healthy majority on the Last night they were welcom-47-member committee, with apparently few of its own backbench critics of the meaing the outcome, although Mr John Cunningham, Labour's chief environment spokesman, said it was expaordinary that in such a large committee Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of The Committee of Selection, reflecting the balance of the parties in the House, has chosend a committee of 29 Tory members, 15 Labour and three State for the Environment, who created the Bill, was not a

Machinists' strike at Ford made official

By Our Labour Reporter Leaders of the Transport and Workers' Union yesterday declared official the three-week-old strike by machinists at Ford which has brought production to a stand-

sure in its own ranks.

still.

The decision of the union's executive means that the 270 strikers - 263 of them women will now be paid £15 a week strike pay.

The move is likely to increase

Painter is elected

RA president

Mr de Grey: Clear favourite

of academy.

the favourite had romped

Sir Hugh then placed the gold medal and chain of office,

presented by George IV in 1820,

around Mr de Grey's neck. He

s the fifteenth painter to hold

the post. Five architects, Sir

Hugh among them, have been president, and one sculptor.

the artist Spencer Gore, and is now principal of the City and Guilds of London Art School.

His work is widely purchased at home and abroad, and is

featured in the collections of the

Spectrum, Page 10

The applause that greeted Mr Council, and many provincial

MPs' book-tax warning

Mr de Grey is the nephew of

dissention among the 1, 100 been laid off without pay because of the strike. The simmering row over the dispute among the other workers is likely to manifest itself next Wednesday when their joint negotiating committee meets.

Some 30,000 hourly paid employees are still working, but payment of their 9 per cent pay increase has been delayed until after Christmas.

Moore's graphic present

Henry Moore, aged 86, the sculptor, gave the British Council 280 of his best graphic works, worth £500,000, as a fiftieth birthday present yester-

The artist, who has long admired the council's work in taking British art overseas, "It gives me much pleasure to present these works for the British Council's fiftieth birthday. My graphic work has often been an introduction to many people who have then gone on to look at sculpture. I am very pleased it will now be out on exhibition with the British Council being seen by so many people around the

The graphics include some of his most famous portfolios, including the Auden Suite, Artist's Hands and Trees album, and his recent Animals and Sculptural Ideas works. They cover all periods of Moore's work from the 1930s

The new works will form part of the British Council's permanent collection. They willbe used to mount circulating exhibitions on different aspects of Moore's graphics.

Moore's relationship with

the council began in 1948 when he was selected to be Britain's representative at the Venice Biennale which launched his international reputation.

In 1979, he publicly defended the coucil when it faced More than 150 MPs were last one of the organizers behind the a 20 per cent cut in its budget, motion, said more than 70 Conservative MPs had supreminding the Government that in the 10 years between 1967 and 1977 he had paid more than £4.5 million in income tax motion include Mr Edward du while the fine arts department Cann, former chairman of the of the concil had less than £1m Tory backbench 1922 com- to spend on overseas exhi-

Sale Room

The main sponsors of the

ported the campaign.

European post-war art breaks records

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

masters" and sending their prices through the roof. The Americans are the most expensive but it was the turn of the Europeans to break price records at Sotheby's yesterday.

Some whitish paint on a so speculative a market. greenish background entitled Tete d'Otage, No 24" painted by Jean Fautrier in 1945 set a abstraction were in demand new auction price record for the with an album of 1920 litho-artist at £126,500 (estimate graphs by the Russian artist £40,000-£50,000). Serge Polia-koff's "Composition" of 1957, a Suprematizm 34 Risunka, sell-

Now that abstract painting is Hodgkin's "Mr and Mrs Robyn going out of fashion, the art Denny" of 1960 at £41,800 French furniture was also french furniture. The auction of Post-War and cent unsold.

Contemporary art made more than any previous London auction in this field at £1.9 million with only 16 per cent left unsold, a low percentage in £1,000 plus) for a gold pocket

At Christie's the early days of large patchwork of colours, set a ing for £49,680 (estimate record at £47,300 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) to a private £25,000-£35,000) and Howard collector.

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of £653,551 and only two per

In a wine sale Christie's set a new auction price record for a corkscrew at £3,800 (estimate corkscrew with a mother-ofpearl handle inset with a magnifying glass and enclosed in a shagreen case.

A first edition of T E Lawrence's Seven Pillars of Wisdom sold for £12,650 (estimate £6,000-£8,000).

Royal portraits, back page

Councils to give food to miners

 Coal board figures show that 63 men abandoned the miners'

has been repaid only £1 million

NUM from the left-wing trade union confederation in Rome to provide holidays in Italy for about 100 children of families

of striking miners.

The National Coal Board's four Yorkshire areas recruited about 700 school leavers, many of them the sons of miners, for

By Staff Reporter

by the police forces it has

Mr Pat Lowry, chairman of the Advisory Conciliation and the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), and coal board officials have the coal board of the 55.000 men in the four areas are working.

Reginald Hancock, aged

ridd on Tuesday.

MP in hospital

Sheffield City Council, which is Labour controlled, plans to provide £30 Christmas food hampers free for the families of striking miners in the city, at a cost of £42,000.

In Doncaster 7,000 children will receive £5 vouchers, the council is also paying £1,000 to

strike to return to work on yesterday's day shift. The week's total so far is 556.

An offer has been sent to the

students' union of North Lon-don Polytechnic to court for

The coal board's western area

21, and Russell Shankland, aged 20, the two striking miners accused of murdering South Wales taxi driver, Mr David Wilkie, were remanded in custody for another week after they made a brief appearance before Merthy Tydfil magis-trates court yesterday. An inquest on Mr Wilkie, aged 35, will open at Merthy today. His funeral takes place at Pontyp-

persuade a circus to stage 12

Policing the miners' strike has cost Lancashire ratepayers £6 million, most of it for sending officers to pits across the country. So far the county

training last year, and had using its funds to contribute expected to take on several £1,000 to the families of striking replace more this year to miners.

today denounced the intransi- been unable to carry out the gence of both sides in the pit budgetary and manpower strike. He Says: "In Acas we assessments on which future never give up. But it would be needs were to be based. useless for us to take any further useless for us to take any further The coal board's western area announce new ones they say we initiative all the time that each announced earlier this week are dirty and underhand." side remains in its present

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, who suffered kidney failure earlier this year, has been readmitted to hospital

'Eye' gives contempt undertaking

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Contempt of court proceedings against *Private Eye* ended yesterday with an undertaking by Mr Richard Ingrams, its editor, that the magazine would not carry material on the case of eight servicemen facing trial next year under the Official ecrets Act Contempt proceedings were

begun earlier this week by counsel for the eight after an article appeared in Private Eye last week. Yesterday the magazine, while noting that the undertaking did not affect its contention that there had been no contempt, agreed to halt further distribution of the relevant issue. The undertaking, which ends

when the case is over, was given before Lord Justice Watkins, sitting as a judge of the Central Criminal Court, after Mr Dermot Wright, of seven of the eight defendants, said that the article referred to an outpost of GCHO and homosexuality. The article was about the case of the eight, who were in either the Royal Air Force or the

Bottleneck ends

A four-mile section of the A55 expressway road was opened at Colwyn Bay, North Wales, yesterday, ending a notorious summer traffic bottle-

Army in Cyprus,

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Solicitor asks to give up post of NUM receiver

The Derbyshire solicitor who Friday won the emergency as a receiver of the funds of the order appointing the receiver after alleging that the NUM's three senior officials were not fit National Union of Mineworkers has spent the past five days. and proper persons to control the funds, repeated the argument yesterday when he asked trying unsuccessfully to secure money lodged in foreign banks, told a high court yesterday that he wants to be relieved of the for the receivership to continue Counsel for the NUM was

Mr Herbert Brewer, aged 67, unable to give an assurance that will step down in favour of a the officials would in future senior partner in a leading firm abide by orders of the court, of City accountants if a judge rules today that the £8.9 million of NUM funds and assets should remain in receivership. said he would give his verdict this afternoon on whether the receivership should continue. His decision to step down came after union allegations that his impartiality could be of the NUM is expected at its

called into question as he holds office in the local Conservative Party and is a member of the Institute of Directors: Representatives of Price Waterhouse, the city accountants, appointed sequestrators of the union funds, confirmed to the court that they have not been able to secure any further money on top of £8,145 already in their possession to pay the

The new receiver, if approved by the judge today, will be Mr Michael Arnold, senior insolvency partner with Arthur Young McClelland Moores who said after the hearing that he expected to be able to employ a large team in the bid to gain control of NUM assets. He said be was not a member of any political party but had once been a Young Conservative. "This will not be any different from any other insolvency involving the collection of assets," he said. Mr David Oliver, represent-ing 16 working miners who last

miners' strike.

£200,000 contempt fine.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies,

The Midlands area council-

meeting today to discuss a plan-by working miners to take high court action and to call in the

receiver to handle the affairs of

Strike stops pit jobs for school leavers

Several hundred school leav- that because eight out of 10 of ers in Yorkshire have lost the -its miners were back at work, it chance of jobs in the coal industry this year because of the was able to make such assessments. It has decided to recruit 235 men in the new year and The National Coal Board's several bundred more later in four Yorkshire areas recruited about 700 school leavers, many

Its officials have reacted angrily to an attack on its planned recruitment drive by Mr Joe Wills, the National Union of Mineworkers' North Staffordshire president, who was reported as saying that the board's announcement was "a dirty, underhand trick".

A coal board spokesman said: "The public must be confused by the union's utterances. In one breath they say they are fighting for jobs, and when we

How union spent funds

Last year, the National Union of Mineworkers spent £5,563,006, nearly half of which went on salaries.

how it is financing its current operations, but sympathetic unions have been bankrolling the NUM, and it is also thought that some staff were paid several months in advance. Full-time officials have not been paid since April, although a few are understood to be being

charges Light and heating Repairs and maint paid from area funds, which are untouched by the High Court NUM journs The Union's income has been

Staff pay and expenses The Union refuses to disclose 409,427 Legal and professional The Union's income has been sharply diminished by the dispute, as fewer than a third of NUM members are continuing Cerification Officer.

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Tape played of moment frigate hit bridge

court martial of Commander Colin Hamilton, captain of the Leander-class frigate, HMS Jupiter.

The 20-minute tape, the equivalent of an aircraft's black box, had recorded all the orders given by Commander Hamilton on June 13, as his ship drifted towards London Bridge.
Commander Hamilton, aged
40, could be heard giving
instructions for the ship to change course and speed. Moments before the collision another senior officer ordered: "Stop both engines. Clear the starboard side of the ship".

The next entry on the tape came several seconds later, with

A tape recording of a sailor the sailor saying: "We have reporting: "We have actually hit actually hit London Bridge." We London Bridge: was played are stuck under the bridge." yesterday at the Portsmouth

The frigate swept into the central arch, damaging its hull and causing £25,000 damage to the bridge, as it was turning round after a courtesy visit to London Commander Hamilton has admitted that he acted necligently by ingnoring expert advice about using secured tugs

to turn the ship round. He denied failing to ensure the Jupiter's departure was properly planned, committing the ship to the turn after being told one of the tugs was not in a position to help and failing to call in a second tug to assist in

the manoeuvre. The court martial continues

Hong Kong woman's plea A Hong Kong woman, accountants, as well as doing

described as a valued member much voluntary social work. of a West Country community, took her fight to stay in Britain to an immigration appeal court accounting technician, has been living in Cambourne, Cornwall, for the past nine years.

Miss Fu was represented by Mr Larry Grant, who said that although under the immigration in Southampton yesterday. laws the appeal could not Miss Jenny Fu aged 27, an succeed, he hoped that the case's exceptional nature would mean that a recommendation would be made to the Home was given a job in a firm of Secretary

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Telephones for passengers will be commonplace in aircraft within the next decade if plans for a \$500 million (£400 million) global satellite network

Investment in the network, which will begin operations in about four years time, will be made by Inmarsat, the international maritime satellite organization, which represents 41 governments and was created about two years ago to co-ordi-

nate and encourage maritime communication using satellites. Many airlines have expressed interest in the system. In Britain

Pink carriages part of profit-making package on faster British Rail

British Rail's first class Inter more comfortable coaches will reduced by 10 per cent, after City carriages will turn pink on offer telephones and better 26 per cent reduction since the inside next year. The colour catering. More stations will be 1980. Passenger traffic is exscheme is part of a package without ticket checks. designed to turn an expected deficit of £98 million this year into a £5 million profit by 1989, passengers start or end their

journey in the South-east, plans are being considered for announced yesterday.

The new interior decor along the services to go straight through London. That would involve with new red black and beige external livery, will coincide between Blackfriars and Farwith a programme of cost ringdon in the City and upgrading a west London line to allow direct services from the North to Dover, Gatwick

riages will be decorated in red airport and Brighton.

Inter city trains on the east Inter city trains on the east and west coast lines will be quicker as a new generation of trains will have a maximum speed of 140 mph; a new fare being tempted to drive are planned.

structure will encourage more planned. But train mileage is to be

pected to grow by 4 per cen As two-thirds of inter-city but trains will have extra coaches to compensate.

The £103 million saving, Mr Bleasdale said, would come from three areas: £31 million from increased revenue from higher faces and improved marketing; £25 million from redesigning the inter-city net-work and £47 million from reduced costs.

The package could mean worse service for passengers, Mr Len Dumelow, secretary of the General Transport Consultative Committee, said. "In the drive to meet a tough financial target the advantages of fast, regular-interval services between city

Tory rebels support Nash villa TV levy for films

"parasites" upon the film

The insertion of a call for a

remarkably united in calling for

such a measure (David Hewson

matograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACCT)

hopes that further amendments

will be tabled to stave off the

ending of the Eady levy, the tax

on cinema seats which is used

to fund the National Film

Finance Corporation. The

Horizon

cuts 1985

price rises

By Our Commercial Editor Horizon, Britain's thrid

largest package tour company, is relaunching its summer 1985 brochure with price rises trim-

med back by 3 per cent although it claims that the

move should not start a new

Aviation Authority has given a

warning that the current level of

tour operator failures could continue next year, after 1984's 20 collapses, the highest annual

The authority proposed more

protection by increasing the

financial bonds put up by holiday companies to rec-

ompense holidaymakers when

an operator goes bankrupt. That

immediately sparked a dispute with the Association of British

Travel Agents whose members

The price increases were

had undercut some of Horizon's

prices, Mr Ken Franklin, managing director of Horizon Holidays, said. The cutback would largely be at the expense of profit margins, he said.

The main cuts are in Spanish

holiday prices.

because competitors

are affected by the proposal.

But at the same time the Civil

orice war.

figure so far.

The Association of Cine-

The BBC and independent supply of British films had been television companies face pay-ing up to £20 million a year to support the British film indusseverely limited during the past decade, and without proper financial support they would try after a Government defeat Mr Gale, a former television producer, said that television yesterday during the committee stage of the Films Bill.

companies, and latterly the video tape industry, had been Four Conservative MPs defied party whips and sup-ported an amendment which would impose on television industry. companies showing feature films a levy, based on the size of Labour MP for St Helens, audiences, be passed on to film-

its director, Mr Cyril Bleasdale,

cutting, productivity improve-

ments and new facilities for

travellers. Second-class car-

South, said the levy "could bring in between £10 million and £20 million a year. This would provide the basic funding The defeat came after bitter criticism of the Government's plan to provide only £1.5 to help the British film indusmillion a year for the next five years, after the scrapping of the Eady levy and the National levy will delight the cinema industry, which has been Film Finance Corporation.

Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon North, who proposed the levy, was sup-ported on the Tory side by Mr Timothy Brinton, MP for Gravesham, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP for Richmond and Barnes and Mr Roger Gale, MP for

Although the amenament was strongly opposed by Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of ate for Industry, it was passed Government wants to privatize Mr Brinton said that the the NFFC and abolish the levy. State for Industry, it was passed

Religious

mood on

Kadio 4

Religion is coming to the fore in the Christmas schedules for

Radio 4 which were announced

by the network's controller, Mr David Hatch, yesterday.

"Some listeners have told me they'd like to see a little more

emphasis on the Christer side

of the Christmas festival on

Radio 4, and I'm happy to oblige them," Mr Hatch said. "I

think radio has negleted the

religious aspect in recent years."
The daily service will be extended for the holiday;

Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of

Westminster, gives the thought

for the day on three consecutive days; and James Fox will read

The Christmas Story on Christ-

mas Day. There is a meditation

every night during Christmas

Joan, The Apple Cart, Major Barbara, and The Doctor's

Inquest opens

on victims of

rail crash

An inquest was opened yesterday on the two people

who died when an inter-city express crashed into a fuel

tanker train in Salford, Greater

Evidence of identification

was given at the brief hearing in

Salford on Mr Edward Crox-

ford, aged 36, a train driver, of Mab Lane, West Derby, Liver-

pool; and Mr Samuel Kennedy,

aged 72,, a passenger, of Lindale

Avenue, New Moston, Man-

Mr. Croxford died in the wreckage of the train and Mr

Kennedy in hospital later the

David Blakey,

Greater Manchester west district coroner, who described the

crash as "terrible", provision-

ally adjourned the hearing until

Two passengers who had

been admitted to hospital after the crash were still in the Hope hospital, Salford, yesterday.

same day.

February 14 next.

Manchester, on Tuesday.

week, and two carol services. Five Bernard Shaw plays will be broadcast on consecutive nights: Man abd Superman. St

is sold for over £5m By Our Property Correspondent

The Holme, Regent's Park, one of the finest houses in London, has been sold in conditions of the utmost secrecy to a private buyer for occu-pation as his London bome at a price of more than £5 million.

Negotiations for the sale by Knight Frank and Rutley, on behalf of the Crown Estate Commissioners, have been in progress for some time "very privately" the agents say, and binding agreements for the sale were exchanged earlier this

The house, designed by Decimus Burton and completed in 1818, is one of the few remaining Nash villas in the park, and stands in 4.5 acres with a wide frontage to the lake. The lease reverted to the Crown from Bedford College recently.

Dole fraud money sought

The social security office in Torquay is taking steps to retrieve from 16 unemployed young people the £6,500 swindled in the "Costa del Dole" fraud admitted at Exeter Crown Court this week, even if it takes years.

money was falsely claimed by the young people who said they were staying at an notel and paying £44 bed and breakfast when they were, staying with friends or living

Welsh protest student jailed

Nine Welsh language demonstrators, arrested when they occupied the City and Guilds Institute at Kings Cross, London, protesting at the lack of examinations in Welsh, appeared before magistrates at

Clerkenwell yesterday. Ceri Wyn, aged 26, a student from Aberystwyth was jailed for a week when he refused to be bound over to keep the peace. Eight others were bound over in the sum: of £200 each. All admitted breach of the peace.

Siege charge man remanded

Michael Hood, afged 20 unemployed, appeared before Thetford magistrates yesterday in connection with a two-day siege at the Norfolk town which ended on Wednesday. Hood, from Rocklands, was

remanded in custody for eight days, charged with illega possession of a firearm with Individual holidays have possession of a firet been cut by between £5 and £60. intent: o endanger life.

Increased irrigation leads to potato gluts

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The potato glut of the past Other factors contributing to few years is to a large extent the this year's surplus, estimated at 850,000 tonnes, were the excelresult of increased irrigation. Until recently Britain was lent planting conditions that considered sufficiently wet for allowed good seed beds, and a potato growing therefore obviating the need for expensive Growers, however, are sub-

irrigation equipment. However, ject to quotas and a levy if they the Potato Marketing Board exceed their allocation. However, year's crop in England and pared to pay the levy Wales was intigated. The cost to the taxpaver of The result has been a yield of the board's intervention into

38.5 tonnes a hectare, compared the market will this year be at with 31.2 last year and the least £18 million; the cost of previous record of 38.3 tonnes a taking 450,000 tonnes off the hectare in 1982, when prices market, dyeing it and feeding it

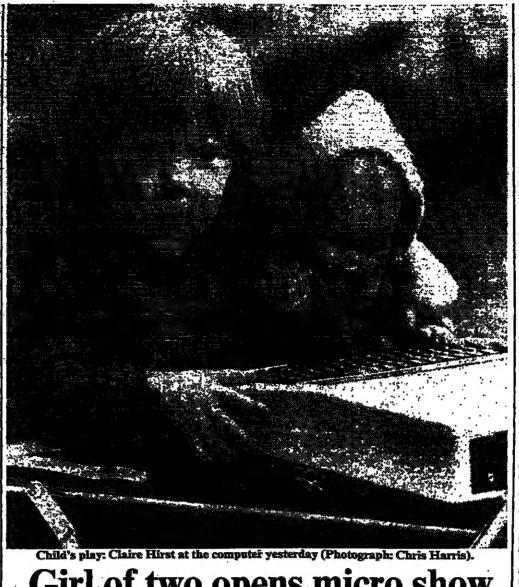
Phone links for plane passengers By Our Technology Correspondent the electronics company Racal which is to be awarded next

is conducting tests with British Airways and British Telecom International. The frequencies used by marine traffic and aircraft are virtually adjacent around 1.500 MHz - which makes the use of maritime communication satellites by

aircraft logistically feasible. A new type of satellite will be required by Immarsat to accommodate the aircraft communication. The new design would have about 80 channels, double present capacity. Two consortia are competing for the contract,

spring. They are British Aerospace/Hughes (USA) and Marco ni/Ford Aerospace (USA).

The satellite system would offer airlines: telephone and telex facilities for passengers; sophisticated communications between the aircraft and its base allowing constant/automatic monitoring of the aircraft's performance and customer services such as reservations/ ticket issues from on board advanced air traffic control facilities to enhance aircraft



Girl of two opens micro show

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A girl of two who as yet believed to be a prodigy with computers opened a four-day computer show in London

·Claire Hirst, from Bramhall, Stockport, has been playing with her BBC Microcomputer for nearly 18 months, helped by her father. His work as a credit control manager means he has and use it, and has encouraged his daughter's interest.

She as learnt how to respond to pre-written software (computer programs) and can write simple music and draw graphics. Recently she used a music program to compose her own version of Good King Wenceslas, and a drawing program to design her own Christmas cards.

Database Publications, the organizers of the BBC Micro User Show at the New Horticultural Hall, Westmins-ter, London, said: "We were simply astounded when we saw what this child could do.

"What better way is there to

to bandle a computer than to let them see it being operated by a two-year-old, even if she is a

 Security risks from terrorism, kidnapping and civil disturbance around the world can be assessed by executives with a new computer databank published by Datasolve. It has more than 1,000 pages supply-ing companies in 142 countries, using information from Control Risks Information Services (CRIS), an international political risks consultancy.

Faster home sales with bigger land registry By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent Measures to simplify and speed house sales through extending the compulsory registration of land were announced by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancel-

lor, yesterday. He has approved an order which will extend compulsory land registration to cover areas containing nearly 80 per cent of the population in England and Wales, compared with 73 per cent at present

The order, to take effect in April or November 1985, epending on district, will bring about the first extension of compulsory land registration except for former council ouses - since 1978.

It is the first of two orders which will implement the Government's aim to simplify

The second order, to extend compulsory registration to cover 85 per cent of the population in England and Wales by 1987, is expected to be

Among districts where the order takes effect from April are: Amber Valley, Derbyshire; Hyndburn, Lancashire; North-avon, Avon; Pendle, Lanca-shire; Restormel, Cornwall; Thamesdown, Wiltshire; Wood-spring, Avon.

Among those where the order akes effect from November are: Boothferry, Humberside; Chelmsford, Essex; Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; Corby, North-amptonshire; Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; Monmouth, Gwent; Rutland, Leicestershire; Strat-ford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. Earl.

Library acquires **Spencer** archive

By Kenneth Gosling The family papers of the Princess of Wales, a literary and political archive of considerable historic importance. have been acquired from the Spencer family of Althorp by the British Library for an undisclosed amount.

Negotiated by private treaty, the sale was assisted by a grant of £128,398 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and £5,000 from the Friends of the National Library. There was "a major allocation" of funds from the British Library which benefits, with the vendor, from exemption from capital tax applied to private treaty sales of works of art to the nation. The estimated value of the papers could be as much as £600,000.

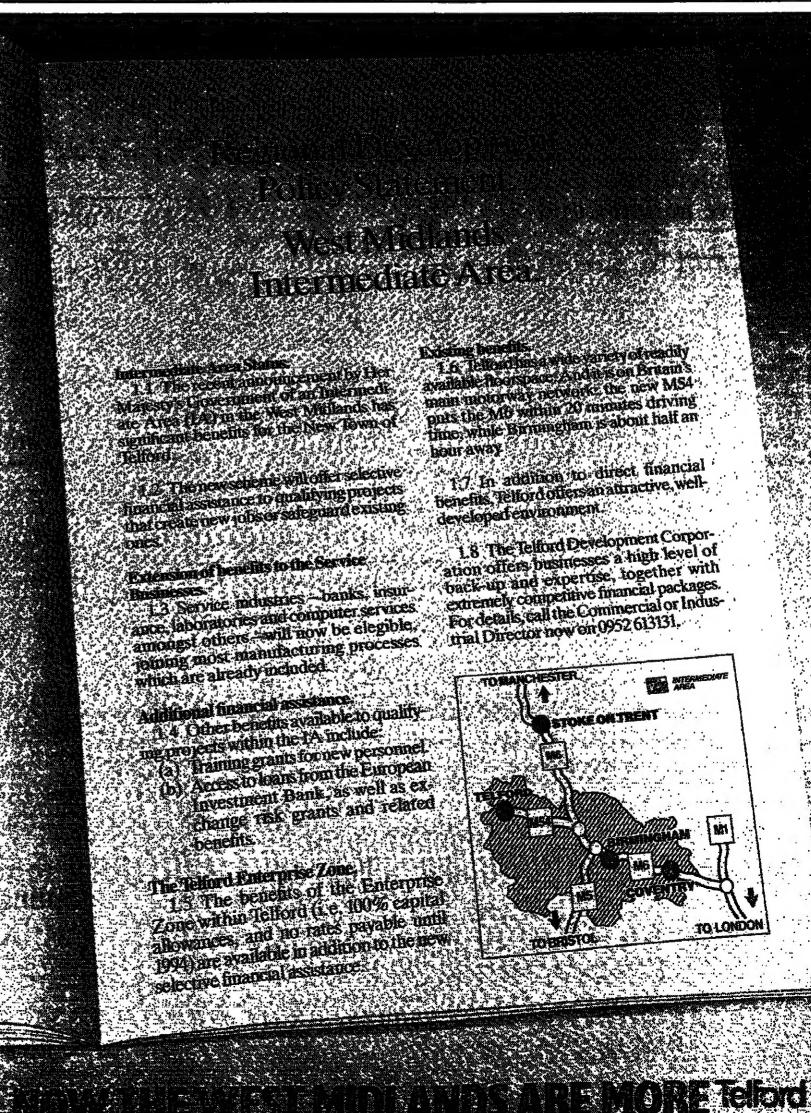
The archive dates from the sixteenth century, the earliest record relating to the period of the Spencer family's rise to greatness and including a sub-archive of the Cliffords, Earls of Cumberland from 1555 to 1625. Among the rich material of the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries are the voluminous papers of Sarah, 1st Duchess of Maribo-rough, including her 26 wills and many letters from Queen

Three items go on display in the British Library's manuscript saloon from today: minutes by Sir George Savic. Marquess of Halifax, of a meeting of a group of peers in December 1688 when they debated whether to send James II to the Tower: a volume of the Queen Anne letters and an opinion on the Irish question from Charles Parnell to the 5th

Cheese to cost more

Milk supplies to creameries combined effect of quotas and for making cheese fell by more the summer drought. than 700 million litres in the period April to October this rising cheese prices, with an

The result will be seen in expected 5p a pound increase



By having a firm grip on public spending and holding it broadly

constant in real terms over a period

of years, the Government would

have, as the economy continued to expand progressive scope for reductions in taxation, not just for the few but for the many. Mr Nigel

Lawson, Chancellor of the exeche-quer told the Commons. This had been achieved by a tax

threshold increase well ahead of

inflation and he hoped to continue

this. There was a wide margin of uncertainty but the scope perhaps £1,500m of tax cuts in the coming

Budget was something which would be of comfort to the umemployment

particularly.

If growth in 1985 turned out as expected, the economy would have grown since 1981 by almost 12 per cent. This was far from the weak

recovery that some had talked about it also compared favourably

with overseas competition.

In referring to sale of British
Telecom shares. Mr Lawson said it
was a massive leap forward in

ieveing people's capitalism,

achieveing people's capitalism.

He was moving a Government motion approving his Autumn Statement of November 12, welcoming the prospect of continuing low inflation and steady growth as the basis for maintaining the trend of rising employment, and congratulating the Government on keeping the public expenditure total for 1985-86 within the figure published in the 1984 White Paper.

in the 1984 White Paper. He said the Government's recon

owed much to its resolution in

owed much to its resolution in tackling the relentless upward pressure of public spending, reduc-ing the share of national income absorbed by the public sector, and freeing resources for more pro-

ductive use by private enterprise.

Over the next year the Govern-

ment would have achieved a significant period when inflation had been at or below 5 per cent. This seemed scarcely imaginable when it took office just over five

years ago. But now expectations were adjusted to this much lower inflation rate, providing the basis for further progress on inflation which the Government's policies

because of a resurgence of inflation.

too. This had not occurred during

he world background. The forces of

protectionism threatened to poison

the trading climate and to weaken the fabric of international economic

Difficult choices have to be

made about state spending

is not merely to resist protectionism

but to push forward with nego-tiztions for further liberalization in the framework of the General

linked closely to the economic prospects of the United States which

would soon become for the first

time a net international debtor. It

could fairly quickly become the

world's largest debtor.

For the world's wealthiest

economy to be a large borrower of capital from the rest of the world was not desirable or sustainable. No other country could sustain that sort

of imbalance for as long as the Americans had done. Yet even they

were increasingly coming to recognize the need for painful remedia

Referring to the criticisms by the Treasury Select Committee of the

manner in which the Government

set its spending priorities, he said

Lawson: No magic

mechanism for priorities

made about spending. Because these decisions were important and some controversial, there was naturally

much interest in the setting in which

they were taken.

If a group of ministers met late at night or was dubbed the "star chamber" this was instantly news-

worthy, perhaps more so than the issues they were actually discussing.

Whatever group of ministers or departments involved, whatever the

forum, whatever the setting there could be no magic mechanism for

setting priorities within and between programmes. In the end there had to be a political judgement

Privatization was on course and proving outstandingly successful. Twelve major companies, a number

of other enterprises and over 400,000 jobs had been shifted from

the state sector to the private sector.

He stressed jobs deliberately.

Enough companies had now been privatized to demonstrate that

privatization was a textbook proof of the benefits of free market

enterprise over collective state

An essential feature of the Government's economic strategy

was encouraging the spirit of individual ownership. It wanted to

make a reality of the vision of a property-owning democracy. The successful sale of BT shares was a

ome very hard decisions had to be

The level of interest rates was

agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

and political co-operation, las massive leap forward in achieving that objective.

The challenge before us (he said)

Investment in shares had begun

Investment in shares had begun

to take its place alongside ownership

of one's home and bank or building society deposits as a way for ordinary people to participate in enterprise and wealth creation. They were seeing the birth of people's

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Oppo-

sition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs. (Birmingham.

sparkbrook. ... Lab) moved an

Opposition amendment refusing to

support an economic policy calcu-

lated to create and sustain a high level of unemployment, and

rejecting the false belief that a

constant reduction in public

expenditure would produce an automatic improvement in econ-

He said the Government and no

policy for dealing with unemployment except to sit back and watch it rise year after year while it concentrated on economic objectives more important to it and its

Regional aid, already 35 per cent below the 1979 figure was now, thanks to the Autumn Statement, to be cut by £1,500 million over the next five years. Why was it that Mr Lawson always chose the high unemployment option?

They were told that the Government proposed a cut in the housing.

ment proposed a cut in the housing programme of £65 million. That

was bad enough, it was a further blow for the construction industry where 400,000 men and women

were already out of work. It was a further blow for the badly housed

and homeless families who would

It was also a deception because

cash limits was £495 million.

The two sets of figures (he said) are massaged into compatibility by a forecast that the income for which

council house sales provide the source will rise by £430m next year.

But according to the DoE receipts from council house sales were beginning to decline. Furthermore, the DoE said they had no way of knowing if income from council

house sales went to build more houses or if it was used for other

justify his final figure that there would be £430m more and therefore

there was only a cut of £65m.

The entire figure was an invention made to balance the Chancellor's books, it had not even

fooled the Building Employers Federation. The builders had

actually seen through the Govern-ment and reported in their bulletin that while the Government pretends

there will be a 6 per cent fall in building next year, in reality there

said) that demonstrate that every body who does business with the

Chancellor, builders no less than politicians, have to look for the

Those are the shameful facts (he

number one million by 1988.

PM's tax goal: need to lift thresholds to help those on low pay

PUBLIC SPENDING

The Government's decision to drop the proposal that parents should contribute to the tuition fees of students and the consequential the science budget dominated questions to Mrs Thatcher,the Prime Minister, in the Commons After a Conservative backbencher

had observed amid aughter that he hoped ministers other than Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, would be equally forthcoming and flexible on other things in the coming months. Mrs Thatcher turned to her supporters and reminded them that there was great need to lift taxation at the threshold in order to help those on comparatively low wages. "We have to find ways to cut tavation," she said.

There was also need to increase

the cap between those on social the gap between those on social security and those on earnings. They had to take steps to contain public expenditure over which there were always difficult decisions to make. Mr kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, particularly condemned the reduction in the planned increase in the science budget. She retoried that the science budget was £530 million compared with £274 inflion under Labour who in one year had had to cut public expenditure by £9,000 million an action she applauded.

sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spaiding C1 said that what happened yesterday on student grants had enhanced the reputation of Sir Keith Joseph and of this House?
Although I do not want to put it

too far the warned), will she have a word with some of her other colleagues and ask them to be equally forthcoming and flexible on other things in the coming months? (Laughter) Vir. Thatcher: No. I shall not urge

the Chancellor of the Exchequer to have more public expenditure.

Vir Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab): As the Prime Minister ponders the implications of yesterday's shabby U-turn in favour of the better-off, has it not occurred to her that any future invocation by her of the Tory spirit of one nation must only serve to highlight her own entrenched position on unemployment that there is no alternative, as she puts

Does she not see that the danger alread is that as her rebellious buckbenchers become increasingly ratiled, having turned her Education week, they will not ponder in turn that the lady herself may be for

turning?

Nrs Thatcher: He clearly worked sery hard at that question. I thought

FOOD AND DRINK

Action by the Government aimed at

improving the nation's diet was outlined in the Commons by Mrs

Find, when she was asked in the commons if the Government had

reached any decisions about the report of the committee on the

medical aspects of lood policy on thet and disease. She said the Covernment hoped to be able to

response to the report within the

next three months.
We are (she went on) looking at

the practicalities and problems of labelling food with fat content and

that the discussions with consumers

consumers' attitudes and under-

standing of labelling. If we are to label, we want to be sure that it is

We are discussing with the alcoholic drinks trade alcoholi

Despite outward scorn, min-

preparing to stage a second

season of defiance.

There is still room for

council Labour leaders wrung

from a reluctant Government

after months of argument. What

is beyond doubt is that they

scored a propaganda victory over ministers who seemed in

the final stages of the confron-tation almost desperate not to

Ministers want to avoid a

second instalment, especially as

they face threats of defiance from many more Labour-led

councils. Some are talking of

reneging on debt repayments to

the discomfort of the City of

The Government does not

need to go as far as Liverpool to

find the seeds of confrontation.

A 15-minute bus ride from the

City of London would lead

them to the borough of Hackney. Official figures based on the 1981 national census

show it to be the most deprived

councils in London, Hackney

has been chosen for rate-cap-

ping. It has also adopted a

policy of refusing to cut jobs

and services or to raise council

The leaders of several

London councils have said for

months that they favour defying

the Government next year by

refusing to levy a rate. The Government would thus face a

united from from several

Like several other Labour-led

London.

area of Britain.

take legal action against them.

about what the

host was to do it.

d enforcement authorities on the

make an announcement of

for Agriculture. Fisheries and

ease in the science budget which is far above what it was in

Mr Kinuock Leader of the Opposition: In the course of making a desirable concession yestarday. the Government robbed science in order to save its own skin. regardless of the damage thereby inflicted on British engineering, medicine, industry and technology? If it is the case that last week, in

the words of the Education Secretary, the desperate plight of the scientists could wait no longer, why can it wait longer this week? Mrs Thatcher: The science budget this coming year is above that for this year. The budget this year, 1984-85, under the stewardship of Sir Keith Joseph, consists of £530

million, compared with Mr Kin-nock's last year of government, when it was £2.74 million. Mr Kinnock: She is misleading the House and the country, If she compares like with like, the actual rate of growth in investment in science under the last Labour Government was four times what it

is under this Government. For four years, this Government has been cutting back on research expenditure and just last week the Council of Research Councils reported that worse is to come ecause the decrease in investment in science is going to go on because of the Government's policies,

Hordern: Reviews like

Russian roulette

bsession with cuts and the way in

which she wastes national assets and

national interests? Mrs. Thatcher: He talks about an

obsession with cuts. The biggest public expenditure cuts in the last

10 years were between 1976 and 1977 under his government. That is

bigger than anything ever known. Taking it all in 1982-83 prices, in

one year his government out public expenditure by £9,000 million. I congratulate him on being the

introduce ways of producing food

tive measures such as those adopted in the United States, Canada, Israel

and the Scandinavian countries

which would have an impact on

heart disease. Mrs Fenner: Of course the

Cigsernment is concerned. We an

now studying this considerable report and looking at the ways in

isters are worned that Labour Some of the best-known figures in local government are councillors in Liverpool are threatening to defy the Government next year over rate-

rate for the start of the financial

ever, include the leader of Hackney Borough Council, She

is Ms Hilda Kean, a teacher

born in the borough. She has

She is a relatively unknown

given few interviews since she

quantity even in the Labour

movement in London. The

tactics being adopted by Hack-

ney under her leadership differ from those of most of the

Labour-led London boroughs

chosen for rate-capping. She

turned out in an interview with

The Times to be a strong supporter of the stance adopted

in Liverpool and is determined

Liverpool, Ms Kean does not

take refuge behind repetitive

slogans. She is a shrewd

politician, unbowed by the

have marked her first months as

think it is one that will have

been caused by the Govern-

ment. "I do not think the

Government is in a very strong

position if it is threatening

ney is to charge a rate rise no

higher than the increase in the

councils. At the moment it is not illegal for a London Labour group on the council organizations". She also said

The tactic chosen by Hack-

people at this stage," she said.

"If there is a confrontation, I

Unlike her counterparts in

to pursue it in Hackney.

council leader.

became leader in the summer.

Those leaders do not, how-

year in April.

Government intends to

improve nation's diet

strength marking and discussing which, as it affects in my with industry how they can department, we can implement it



are difficult choices Naturally I am anxious to let MPs have as much information as ssible. We have to recognise that f we are to help those people on low

Even with a £9,000 million cut

under Labour, the best he could do for the science budget was £274 million in 1978. That is where he

left it. It has now gone up by far more than inflation and is £530 million. He should congratulate Sir

Mr Kinnock: I would like to be able

to do that but I would have to congratulate him for misleading the

Will she admit that whereas all of

the alpha projects in 1979 were paid for by the Labour government, only half are now? If she is so proud of

the record, will she say there will be no further cuts in the Government's research budget in future?

Mrs Thatcher: His is no person to

say there should never be Govern-ment cuts, holding the record for cuts in public spending. They were hard cuts in the real value of the

health service and cuts in aid. Sir

Keith Joseph has done very excellent things for science.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham, C): It

would be a good idea to undertake a long-term review of public expendi-

ture across departments and bring it forward together with revenue at the

beginning of the year so that the fullest consultation with the House

may take place.
The Chancellor's autumn reviews

Keith Joseph.

wages to have bigger net take-home pay, we have to find a way to cut Dr David Owen, Leader of the Social Democrats: As someone who was for four years Secretary of State for Education and Science, who is herself a scientist and an honorary fellow of the Royal Society, does she not feel it was niggardly to pull back this money that science desperately

Mrs Thatcher: No. Dr Owen knows that in government there are difficult choices to make. He is now

in the company of an opposition that refuses to make these choices

ROFs

New orders save jobs at

HOUSE OF LORDS

Devon. C) complained of phases and fads. A few years ago the siad) we were not able to eat bread or putators. Now we have to eat them Redundancies at the Royal Ordsonce Factories at Birtly and Bishopston would be less than anticipated as a result of new orders. for roughage purposes and all of us are chewing the cud in the evening. Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said during question time in the House of Lords. Nirs Fenner: the report recognizes

that the evidence is short of proof-but the recommendations are based Answering questions on progress in achieving the purposes of the Royal Ordnance Factories and on careful review of all the available evidence. The report represents the hest scientific and medical evidence Military Services Act 1984, he said: available to the Government. Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) asked if she shared the concern of Some of the redundancies originally foreshadowed at two of the factories, at Birtly and Bishopston the medical profession that there will not now be as serious as at first should be Government action to leared. improve food quality and preven-

At Birtly 261 less jobs are likely to be lost as a result of a recent order and at Bishpston there will be a saving of 240 jobs against the figure originally given because of the

wants to spend far more than

the Government thinks it should. That could lead to a rate

rise of about 5 per cent to cover

a spending increase of about 40

per cent, leaving more than £20

million not covered by rate

for the second year running by

Labour councillors in Liver-

pool. It sounds similar to refusing to levy rates at all. But

paradoxically the law allows

much quicker action against

councillors who levy inadequate

rates than against those who

refuse to levy any.
Councils which levy rates

deemed insufficient to cover

planned spending can be forced

to make a substitute rate. Hackney could therefore face

legal action before many coun-

cils chosen for rate-capping.

Ministers have listed the penal-

ties which await councillors

who break the law. Ms Kean

"A scenario in which we talk

about disqualification from

office and surcharges is one that

only takes place if we have

defeat the Rates Act and stop the cuts taking place." But she

had nothing to say about the

means of securing that defeat

beyond saying that "it is dependent on the support that

I am convinced that we can

lost," she said.

The tactic is being threatened

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Debate on tour-ism.

Rate capping: 2

The Liverpool factor comes to Hackney

threatening to defy the Government next year over rate-capping. But Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspon-

dent, explains in the second of three articles that the

greatest threat could come from the least-known source.

furious internal arguments that had little to say about them.

PM says NCB can move no THE ECONOMY

further COAL DISPUTE

The National Coal Board could move no further in concessions to striking miners, Mr Thatcher, the Prime Minister, emphasised during questions in the Commons.

Exchanges on the coal dispute began when Mr Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent, Central, Lab) asked if Mrs Thatcher had read an article in the January issue of Accountancy Today in which five independent academics concluded that the NCB's accounts did not "form an adequate basis for informed management decisions".

In particular (he said) it was the view of the academics that the accounting instrument for pits was totally flawed for making closures

Mrs Thatcher: If Mr Fisher regard

the whole matter of coal merely as accounting - (Opposition laughter) -he will be quite happy if we eliminate the £1.300m subsidy to the NCB. That is not a matter of accounting, that is a matter of fact.

The calculations of the academics are misleading. In particular their calculations were based on the 1981-82 results when Corton 26.2 per tonne. In 1983-84 it lost £32 a tonne. If it was only accounting we could cut off the £1.300 million and

be better off. Ms Clare Sbort (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab): Yast and growing numbers of people in Britain are deeply worried at the division and bitterness and economic decline that Mrs Thatcher's Government has

brought to the country.

Before irreparable harm is done. will Mrs Thatcher make some concessions so we can settle the coal strike and shift her economic policy so we can begin to deal with

Mrs Thatcher: No. The NCB has negotiated and made concessions. There have been none from the other side. The NCB can move no further.

 Later, during business questions, Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) asked: The Prime Minister clearly thinks the report of five academic accountants is unimport-ant. Does the Leader of the House share the general view that as the NCB sought to suppress this report they clearly regard it as being important?

The recovery differed from those in the recent past. Firstly, it had been restricted by a sharp and necessary rise in the profits of industry and commerce. Also, there had not been a great resurgence of stock building which had previously proved an element of instability. Other recoveries had had to end because of a resurgence of inflation. As accounting methods have a direct effect on Government policy, not least in the setting of financial targets for the NCB, will be arrange The remaining worry, unemployment, could also have improved if only real wages had grown less rapidly. Labour MPs could not close for the Chancellor to come to this House at an early opportunity so that all MPs have an opportunity of putting questions on this? Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the their eyes to this.

However well Britain did in improving her economic performance, she was inevitably exposed to

attention to the point. It is just conceivable this document which is about to become part of the New Testament, is not as compelling in its reasoning. House: I will draw the Chance

its reasoning.

Those who are concerned to bring about an early termination of the coal depute have to persuade Mr Scargill to take the Nacods (pit

Two days on

GLC Bill

The main business in the House o

Commons next week will be: Monday: Representation of the

People Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Debate on EEC budget for

Wednesday and Thursday: Local Government Bill, progress on

Government Bill, progress on committee stage.

Priday: Debate on private Member's motion on board and lodging payments and consequences for homeless people.

The main business in the House

Monday: Debate on draft agreement on future of Hong Kong. Debate on

the threat of personal legal

the £30 million spending cut

which the Government wanted

to impose on Hackney next year

through rate-capping was the exact equivalent of the amount

it had taken from the borough

by cutting rate support grant since 1979. Ms Kean explained that almost all of the borough's

elected representatives - from

its member of the European

parliament to borough council-iors - belonged to the Labour

Party. Of the 60 borough councillors, 50 are Labour,

seven Liberal and three Con-

servative. "Those three Tory

councillors represent one ward.

three councillors and that, I

think, is disgraceful. The issue is

whether we defend the people of

Hackney or align ourselves with

She said that the cuts

demanded by the Government

through rate-capping would be

deeply damaging in Hackney

with its high unemployment

rate. It could mean 2,000

redundancies from a council workforce of 7,000 and the loss

of all home help, day nursery

and meals-on-wheels services

now supplied by the borough

The Liverpool councillors

were not entirely successful this year. "Ms Kean said. "But

given what they were originally

asked to do and given the

package they came out with in the end, I think they actually

had quite a lot of success. farmers will pay almost £7
Tomorrow: The Swindon effect for the diary quota scheme.

the Government."

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She explained instead that

of Lords will be:

second reading.

penaltics.

Further £5m for Scottish students A further £5 million would be spent He expected to announce the full to be spent, while Scottish

George Younger. Secretary of State for Scotland, anounced in the Commons when making a statement of the implications for Scotland of the withdrawal of proposals to make parents pay a contribution towards students'

tuition fees. He said just over £2 million of the extra money to be spent on students' awards in Scotland next year would come from extra money to be given to the Scottish block. The rest, about £3 million, would have to be found from within the block.

for 1985-86 next week. Subject to further scrutiny of priorities within my overall programme (he said) it still remains my miention that additional resources

will be made available to the Scottish central institutions to increase the output of engineering and technology graduates. Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman for Scotland, said Scotland had come badly out of the

compromise package
The budgets of English departments would have to find £11 million out of the extra £21 million

departments would have to find £3 | Weaknesses million out of the extra £5 million to go on students' awards. This was a

clear discrepancy.

He called for an assurance that Mr Younger was at the meeting which decided on the Government's climb own.

orimo own.

Mr Yomger said Scotland was treated exactly the same as every other part, bearing in mind that the university system was different with four-year courses.
The decision on the new package

was a collective one (he added) and taken in a series of consultations in which I was fully involved.

likely to achieve the quota in the United Kingdom this year speaks volumes about the haste and lack of

forethought with which the milk quota scheme was introduced.

When does he think that uncertainty will be ended for the dairy industry?

because of inefficiency but because of inefficiency. the Government should be turning its mind to proper redundancy payments so that they can be helped in a difficult time.

Mr Jopling: It is a fact that we have

cut our milk production, so far, below the level of our quota for the period we have been talking about. I reject that this is a matter of lack of

The reason, above all, was the

considerable drought in the summer and a member of my colleagues in the Council of Ministers have

approached me and expressed some disappointment that they did not

brought down production. (Laugh-

would receive their secondary quotas or final levels of quota. The tribunal had many appeals and exceptional hardship cases before it. We have just enlarged it

He could not say when farmers

have the same drought

Since workers are losing jobs, not

Dairy industry coping with quotas

some producers not knowing the final level of their levy. It is to hurry

up this process that we have agreed to treble the size of the tribunal from 30 to 90 members. Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and

Berwickshire, L.): Is he satisfied with the effect wen the outgoers scheme

is having on the price of stock within the industry? As the Treasury appears to be in concessionary mood this week, will be take steps to

try to persuade them to relieve those dairy farmers in the scheme of

dairy farmers in the scheme of capital gains tax, especially as it falls so heavily in the rst payment?

Mr Jopting: If he will look at the price of a dairy cow for the current period compared with a year ago, he will find that whereas a few months hack prices were running somewhat

below last year's that gap has now considerably closed. I think that the difference in price is now very small

Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C):

One unnecessary stress is caused by the inflexibility between the whole-

sale quota and the direct sales quota. Can he sustain pressure in the EEC Council of Ministers to

the EEC COUNCI OF MINISTERS to achieve that necessary flexibility? Mr Jopling: He is right to highlight that as the greatest single difficulty in implementing the scheme. I have

the inflection of the Council of Ministers to the problem of the inflexibility between the direct and wholesale quotas ever

since the summer. I shall raise it again at the Council next week. Mr Brynnor John, chief Opposition

AGRICULTURE

the £1 note.

Tuesday: Food and Environment The dairy industry is showing that it has the enterprise and will to cope day. Wednesday: Debate on unemploywith the quota system constructive-ly. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food, said in the Commons. When we ment Thursday: Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling) Bill have achieved a better balance in the market (he went on) the industry will be on a more sound and stable

will be on a more sound and stable basis for the future.

Mr Geraint Howells (Ceredigion and Pembroke North, L): Will he assure British dairy farmers that he will abolish the basic co-responsibility levy in 1985? Which countries within the Community are collecting the super levy and what is the position in Britain?

Mr Jonling: I hope that in 1985 are

position in Britain?
Mr Jopling: I hope that in 1985 we can get a cut in the levy in the context of a tough price policy. So far as I am aware the only country which has actually collected it up to this time, and no payments have yet become due until December 14, is become due until December 14, is West Germany. We shall be discussing these matters at the Agricultural Council in Brussels on

nday and Tuesday. Sir Michael Shaw (Scarbborough, C): There is great concern in the industry that the uncertainty of future levels should be solved as

soon as possible so that some sort of stability can be restored to the

industry.

Mr Jopling: I am aware of the problems which still exist through

Will Mr Jopling add his weight to efforts to get the co-responsibility levy abolished as it is unnecessary in

finally know their quotas, but we are moving as quickly as possible. Jopling after a cut in milk levy

Mr Jopling: I am intrigued to hear

what he says about the level of the

dairy quota levy which might be

possible in Northern Ireland for this

year because he makes assumptions on the amount of milk likely to be produced between now and the end

the light of the quotas?

"We are being asked to impose the policies of those Hopes of getting a cut in the milk co-responsibility keys were ex-pressed by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, during Commons questions, e said that he hoped the milk quota scheme could be abandoned eventually.

Mr Jopling said the Government was opposed to the levy because it had not been effective in controlling the milk surplus.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C): Whatever the previous justification for the levy might have been, the introduction of the milk quotas and the super levy have rendered it unnecessary.

Is there a prospect of getting rid of it in the near future?

Mr Jopling: I would hope that when we get to the next price fixing in the early months of next year we can get a cut in the levy in the context of a tough prices policy. Mr James Nicholson (Newry and Armagh OUP): In Northern Ireland farmers will pay almost £7 million

But we will seek a cut in the co-responsibility levy. Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) asked if any members of the EEC favoured its retention after the introduction of quotes instead of

inancial measures. Mr Jopling said that some Community states favoured the levy

easier to get rid of the thing.

in varying degrees. Had there been none it would have been a good deal

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford South. Lab) said the quota scheme seemed to have overtaken the levy. Was Mr Jopling satisfied that the

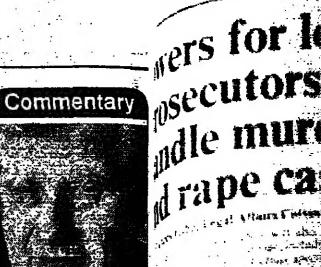
quota scheme was being operated adequately by other EEC countries. particularly the French, in the same

Mr Jopling said he had no grounds for supposing that the scheme was being improperly or illegally implemented in any member state. He hoped Mr Torney would send any such evidence to him urgently. Mr David Harris (St Ives. C):

Instead of hoping for a cut will he press for abolition of this discredited levy? Mr Jopling replied that if they were

just to scrap the levy without having a firm prices policy at the same time, there was the possibility on incentives at some future time to increase milk production in the event of the quote system being

I still hope (he added) that at the end of the five-year period we can abandon the quota scheme altogether and return to a market managed, as it should be, by the discipline of price.



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Backbenchers anxious to upport the Government must brought at a reasonably early stage into consultation. That was the doctrine pro-claimed by Sir William Van Straubenzee when Sir Keith. Insenh capitulated to his critics in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

It was clearly the conclusion being drawn from the student grants fraces by many other Conservative MPs. But it was not only backbenchers who were not consulted beforehand.

Why should it have been? Sir Keith would hardly have wished to protest against his own proposal, and he was not in conflict with any of his colleagues. The cuts had been agreed in bilateral discussion with the Treasury. For the Cabinet not to be troubled in these circumstances was in keeping with the way in which Cabinet conventions have developed in recent years.

while the reduction in gross capital provision for housing was £65 million. Department of the Environment figures subsequently published showed the change in the The cut in real terms in the Foreign Office budget has been the most contentious item after student grants in the present public expenditure round. Six Geoffrey Howe resisted this reduction before the Star Chamber and in direct meetings with the Prime Minister. But when he found that he was not making beadway be decided that it would be pointless to take his case to Cabinet.

Last year the decision to cut housing benefits did not go to the Cabinet. But there was such a furore that Mr Norman Fowler was forced to modify his proposal. The dramatic abolition of exchange controls in October 1979 went through without reference to the Cabinet or even to its economic

What emerges from all these cases is a tendency nowadays to regard the Cabinet as the final court of appeal. If the issue can bother to go higher? So the trend is for as many questions as possible to be resolved in Cabinet committees, in direct discussions between the departmental ministers concerned or with the Prime Minister.

and dangers

This is not a trend that began with Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Richard Crossman commented in his Diaries in April 1965, within six months of entering the Cabinet: "Harold Wilson is keeping to the rule that we should only discuss things in Cabinet which we can't resolve in a Cabinet committee or which the Prime Minister thinks so important that we must make our individual decisions upon time". spokesman on agriculture. Does he accept that the fact that he is not

But there used to be a less restrictive tradition. Herbert Morrison, an astute manager of government business, listed in it years before Crossman wrote. Government and Parliament, 2 number of other considerations which a minister ought to have in mind before deciding whether to take a question to Cabinet. "Does what I propose to do

raise new issues of government policy of sufficient importance to warrant Cabinet consider-ation? Will it involve substantial parliamentary or public controversy? Is it likely to cause embarrassment to the Government at home or abroad, or cause difficulty among ministerial supporters in Parliament?" According to one or other of

these criteria, each of these examples from the past few years should have been brought to Cabinet. As Ivor Jennings put it in his stanard work. Cabinet Government: "The minister who refers too much is weak; he who refers too little is dangerous, The danger is that politically

(he said) and it is too early to make an estimate of when people will sensitive decisions will be taken without benefit of the full range of political exper ience and judgement available to a Cabinet. That is what happened over student grants. Sir Keith was trying to move in broadly the right direction but at a pace and in a way that was not politically acceptable. Some ministers saw the

warning signs before the full furore developed. Had there been a Cabinet discussion beforehand it is possible that the political risks might have been minimized. The objection is that if this

was done often the Cabinet agenda would soon become overloaded. Considerations of efficiency demand that as much business should be dealt with outside Cabinet as possible. But one of the dangers for any government with a very large majority, that has been in office for a long time without an effective opposition, is that it will come to attach too muchimportance to good manage-ment and too little to good

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Pentagon with MX

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Senator Barry Goldwater, an not be exempted from the curbs

mittee, has astounded the White overseas at present, has said

chairman-designate of the ments are having to face.

on spending that other depart-

Mr Weinberger, who

defence spending should rise from \$293 billion in the 1985 financial year to \$334 billion in 1986. President Reagan is under

increasing pressure to slow the

rate of increase in defence

spending as part of an overall

programme to reduce the

Mr David Stockman, the President's budget director, has said that about \$8 billion could be saved next year by slowing

the pace of military growth

This, together with cuts of \$34

billion in non-military spend-

ing, would enable President Reagan to achieve his goal of cutting \$42 billion from next year's budget. Meanwhile the President has

confirmed that Mr Paul Nitze,

the veteran arms negotiator, will serve as adviser to Mr

Geogre Shultz, the Secretary of

State, at next month's arms negotiallons in Geneva with Mr

Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet

way for Mr Nitze, who led the

American delegation at the

stalled talks on intermediate-

The appointment opens the

Foreign Minister.

outspoken conservative and

Senate armed services com-

House and the Pentagon by advocating a freeze on military

spending and the scrapping of

His controversial proposals,

made in an interview with the

Washington Post, were made as

President Reagan is seeking

further ways to reduce the 1986 budget by \$42 billion as a first step towards halving the record federal deficit to about \$100

The former Republican presi-

dential candidate from Arizona,

who is aged 75 and plans to

retire from the Senate in two

years, vowed to use his chair-

manship of the committee to support the military wherever

He did say, however, that he

wanted to see the Pentagon staff

of 22,000 reduced and to rein-in

defence contractors who until

Senator Goldwater, who is to

succeed Senator John Tower of

Texas as committee chairman

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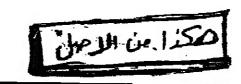
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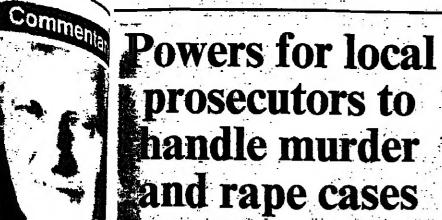
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year.
"What I am saying is that we are confident that the levels of radiation experienced as a result were exceptional cases, fewer of those tests were comparable than 50 individuals were conwith what you get on a normal life basis", Mr Butler said. His comments and his letters

to MPs appear to have been designed to counter press reports that participants in the planned special exposure level". tests in Australia and on Christmas Island were deliberately exposed to high levels of radiation. They are also clearly designed to set the record had been set on advice from the



By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

cutors to handle offences damage, including arson. ch as murder, rape, arson and kidnapping without referring

The proposals, by the Attoroffences, treason, conspiracy we need General. Sir Michael make or supply drugs, and criminal libel.

In addition, certain categories prosecution service in 1986. They involve a radical redistribution of business between local prosecuting offices and the headquarters of the DPP sothat in most cases decisions to prosecute will be made locally.

It is estimated that referrals to the DPP's office from local and cases of exceptional public prosecuting departments, now running at about 14,000 a year,

on these, refer them back for local prosecution, or prosecute himself, which occurs in some

Among offences that the are: straightforward murder cases, wounding, grievous bodily harm, and all other offences contrary to the cases prosecution decisions will normally be exercised locally. The new prosecutions service to be cased offences contrary to the Of-fences Against the Person Act 1961, except those involving explosives. It also includes rape, indecent assault, gross indecency, and all other offences contrary to the Sexual Offences Act- 1956. At present multiple rapes must be referred to the

The prosecutors will also deal with kidnapping child stealing offences involving the possession and supply of drugs, except conspiracies, and all robberies, burglaries and thefts.

Objections

to Lakes

tree scheme

Commission to plant more trees

at Dunnerdale in the Lake District National Park, is to be

opposed by the Countryside

the Lake District.

ommission and the Friends of

The site adjoins the Grass-

guards area, where a Forestry

years ago. Then permission was

granted only after the planting area was reduced and a number

claims that its new scheme.

which involves 95 per cent

conifers, will improve the

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A, proposal by the Forestry

ers for the new Crown They will also handle criminal

Certain specified offences will still have to be referred to the them to the Director of Public DPP's office, such as homicide, Prosecutions, are outlined in a other than simple murder, White Paper published yester- death by reckless driving

> of offence will be referred chiefly: large and complex frauds, obscene publications except inovolving the use of motor vehicles where no death is involved (to avoid any suggestion of local influence) concern or difficulty.

The White Paper says that of offences now needing the DPP's The DPP can take no action consent for prosecution, those producing the most referrals include buggery and gross indecency between males where 1,500 to 2,000 cases. Many of one is under 21, making false those will, under the new reports and wasting police time, service, be dealt with locally. incest, and theft or criminal e to a spouse's property.

> up under the recently published Prosecution of Offences Bill, is aimed at increasing public confidence in the prosecution process by separating it from police investigations. It is also intended to produce more consistency in prosecutions and cost effectiveness.

> Welcoming the Bill and the White Paper, Sir Patrick May-hew, QC, Solicitor General, said he hoped it would allay misgivings that the new service would be too centralized.

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Cambridge alters entry system

Education Correspondent

Cambridge University is so that applicants will take an entrance examination in the same term as A levels, it was amounced yesterday.

The new examination, to be Commission planting scheme called the Sixth Term Examinworking party set up under the chairmanship of Professor Sir John Butterfield, the univer-sity's vice-chancellor. The aim The Forestry Commission is to make the admissions system simpler and fairer to candidates from state schools, who cannot get tutoring for a

landscaping of the Grassguards But Mr Graham Coggins, the Countryside Commission's northern officer, said yesterday: There is no justification for it on landscape grounds, as it will mean trees on the skyline which will be visible from a wide part

will not have to state a preference for one college, and Sixth Term Examination.

50 in A-tests exposed to high radiation level

would be permitted for workers cancer. in the nuclear industry today.

State for Defence Procurement It contrasts with the experience of all the other 20,000 people involved in the tests.

Mr Butler states in a letter which has been circulated to members of Parliament: "All the evidence I have indicates taken to safeguard the health and safety of those involved in the UKs atmospheric nuclear and subsequent health prob-test programmes, and it is lems. If the study revealed important to note that the results which were different standards in use at the time from those of the normal were comparable with those of population, then it would have

Mr Butler told journalists that of the 20,000 involved in pensions had been allowed on the tests, 15,000 were not exposed to any radiation levels been involved in the tests. He above those in the natural dismissed as "reprehensible" environment. Apart from the 50 suggestions that people had or fewer who were exposed to a been deliberately exposed to planned special exposure high levels of radiation. level", the remaining 5.000 were exposed to levels compar- Defence document says: "In the able with those which people in very few instances of relatively the United Kingdom experience high exposure, eg In situations from normal environmental involving the acquisition of levels during the course of a important data, judgement of

straight for the Australian royal Medical Research Council.

By Lucy Hodges

reforming its admission system

The fatal victims of the disaster in India suffered the same agonizing deaths as soldiers in World War One. when chemical weapons were first used, it emerged yesterday. In Bhopal, the chemicals that formed a lethal cloud of seventh term examination.....

As forecast in The Times last week, the current Cambridge Colleges' Examination, taken in November in the fourth or seventh term of the sixth form, is to be abolished. It will be sat for the last time next year and the new examination will be sat

It is expected that applicants will be accepted for entry on the basis of both A levels and the

part in British nuclear tests ing the matter, during the 1950s were exposed The minister said it was a sad during the 1950s were exposed to radiation levels up to five truth that in normal life about 25 per cent of men contracted

This was admitted yesterday carried 'out by the National by Mr Adam Butler, Minister of Radiological Protection Board, which is expected to be completed by late 1986, is comparing the health experience of those involved in the nuclear tests with a cross-sec-

Mr Butler said the Govern ment hoped the results of the study would allay fears that there was a correlation between involvement in the nuclear tests

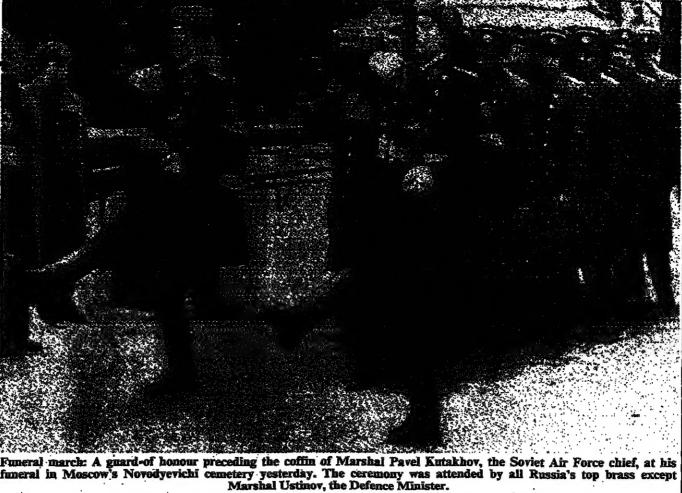
the grounds that a person had

An official Ministry of important data, judgement of the operational need was exercised at the highest levels. It must be emphasized that these cerned, and they were all aware that they were still incurring additional risks. Even in these cases the exposure was still within the upper limits of the An official said that these

levels were about five times that

which would be permitted for

"radiation" workers today, but



funeral in Moscow's Novodyevichi cemetery yesterday. The ceremony was attended by all Russia's top brass except
Marshal Ustinov, the Defence Minister.

Tory MEPs revolt over acid rain

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

European Parliament are court-ing the Prime Minister's wrath under instructions to veto the ranging themselves for the draft as contrary to British first time with majority opinion national interests. Members of in the European Community in the Conservative group thereoutright opposition to British Government policy. At a private meeting in

Brussels on Wednesday the Tory MEPs decided not merely to join but to put themselves at the head of the great majority of MEPs, of all parties and countries, who are hostile to the British Government position on acid rain and the pollution of Continental forests and waters. They are to table a motion for

debate in the Strasbourg parlia-ment on Thursday which will call on member governments to withdraw their more extreme objections to the draft EEC directive on pollution, which was discussed by environment ministers yesterday.

William.

gas were direct descendants of the gases which caused massive

casualties at Ypres and other

One of them was phospene,

which killed a worker at the

Bhopal plant in a leakage three

years ago. Phosgene is used with methyl isocyanate in the manufacture of pesticides such as Sevin, the factory's main

product.

Medical experts who have

little knowledge of the effects of

methyl isocyanate - because

there have been few accidents and no known fatalities – were referring to history books yesterday to explain the hor-

rifying effects of the chemicals

and how survivors can be

In the United States three

weeks ago, 30 schoolchildren and a teacher were affected by

a leak of methyl Isecyanate (MIC) at a factory in Middle-

port, New York State.

battlefields 70 years ago.

Conservative members of the Under-Secretary at the Depart- will do Britain grave damage, in fore recognize, and are content,

> Downing Street as aimed at Britain alone. The group's decision, taken with about 30 of the 45 British members present was unani-mous. Although one or two participants yesterday showed signs of cold feet, the group as a whole appeared to be in a new mood of resolve to defy the Prime Minister in defence of

what they believe to be Britain's

both at Strasbourg and in

They argue that the acid rain directive, which the British Government considers too costly to implement, is overwhelmingly popular in other The British representative, member countries, and that the Waldegrave, Government's opposition-to it 1982 farm price settlement by

best interests.

The Bhopal disaster

Lethal chemicals recall

World War 1 horror

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

particular with West German public and political opinion. Further, they believe they

have the tacit support of Mr Waldegrave, of his chief, Mr Patrick Jenkin, of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and a majority of the Cabinet. Opposition in the Cabinet comes from Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, who fears that anti-pollution measures will increase electricity costs, and from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who sup-The Tory MEPs recognize

that their open opposition to the British Government may encourage the Council of Ministers to override the British veto by a majority vote. If that occurs, the Prime Minister's anger is likely to be as fierce as when the Council of Agricultural Ministers overrode Mr Walkers veto to approve the

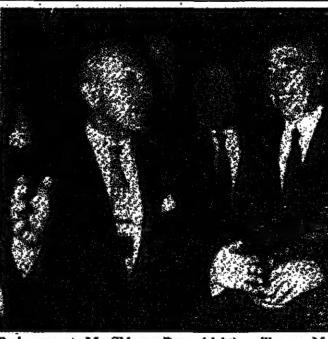
majority vote, the first time the so-called Luxembourg compro-

BRUSSELS: Unleaded petrol ought to go on sale throughout the EEC by 1989, the environment ministers agreed at their meeting (lan Murray writes) But there were many technical objections to be sorted out before an EEC directive could be brought into force. West Germany, which has

been forcing the pace to bring in strict controls on car-exhaust gases, was trying to make all other EEC countries agree to similar limits. France accepted this view.

Britain, while in favour of making unleaded petrol widely available, argued against a control of emission standards Nevertheless, it was agreed that the time had come to consent to Community-wide standards for putting unleaded

Thorn fears, page 8



Paris present: Mr Shirnon Peres (right) smiling as Mr Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, speaks during presentation of an atlas to Israel's Prime Minister at a reception for the French and British Jewish communities

Poland chart course

Poland's 80 bishops yester-day met in closed session for crucial talks charting the medium-term future of relations with the communist authorities and to listen to a briefing by Cardinal Josef Glemp, the Primate about his meetings with the Pope last

wanting a criticial review of Church-state relations since the murder on October 19 of the radical priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, but sources close to the Primate say there is unlikely to be any important shift in the Church's course.

The episcopate will try to extend its protection of those parish priests who feel they are under fire from the authorities. the latest case came to light yesterday, when Father Jan Uminski, a pro-Soldarity priest, said he suffered a heart attack after a 15-hour police interrogation. But at the same time the episcopate will demand selfdiscipline of all parish priests, emphasizing that they should not resort to political abuse in the pulpit.

The Pope appears to support this more cautious line at least until the smoke has cleared aroound the circumstances of Father Popieluszko's murder. Although the Church leadership approves of the relative can-dour of the authorities on the affair, it is withholding judgement until the Government names the true political masterminds behind the crime.

Many Polish bishops share the views of the Vatican official Cardinal Salvatore Papalardo, that Father Popieluszko could be beautified.

CIA let off hook over

The Reagan Administration. and in particular Mr William

The Committee ruled that although the manual was illegal, embarrassing and proof of the CIA's lack of control over the covert war in Nicaragua, no disciplinary action should be taken because its production was due to negligence rather than to any attempt to violate

It contained instructions on selective use of violence to Nicaraguan 'neutralize" government officials, and gave advice on blackmail and kidnapping. The committee said it

money for CIA covert operations in Nicaragua. Death camp visit for police cadets

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their training and education, a

The decision follows the

police spokesman said.

range missiles, to become the negotiator if the Soviet Union Administration's modernization programme, was agrees to the US proposal for a permanent "umbrella" forum unnecessary and that Congress was anyway likely to kill the for arms control issues. MX programme in its next Mr Shultz will also be In a remark which is certain accompanied by senior repto annoy Mr Caspar Weinbergresentatives from the rival er, the Defence Secretary, he Pentagon and State Department also said the Pentagon should

strategic

for summit From Christopher Walker

at readiness

Cairo Secret contacts are understood to have taken place between Israel and Egypt to prepare for a summit meeting next year between President Mubarak and Mr Shikon Peres, who suggested the idea after being appointed Prime Minister of Israel's National Unity Govern-

Egypt stated publicly yester-day, for the first time, that it had "no objections" to the summit plan, but stressed that more groundwork was needed before a date could be set. It is expected to be convened on the Israeli-Egyptian border.

The improvement in Israeli-Egyptian relations since last European polls, a fact which summer's Israeli elections was would be resented by British underlined here by Mr Esmat Abdul Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, at his first press conference since being

appointed last July.
In the wake of King Husain's state visit to Cairo, the conference was seen as further evidence of Egypt's determination to emerge from its recent isolation to adopt a central role in Middle East diplomacy.

week's Welcoming this week's official visit to Paris by Mr Peres, the first by an Israeli Prime Minister for many years, Mr Meguid said: "We have seen from Mr Peres some encouraging signs towards the peace process.

He added that the new Labour Prime Minister had approached Egypt with a new spirit which is certainly appreci-

Mr Meguid cited Israel's declared intention of withdraw ing from Lebanon as one reason for the recent thaw in Egyptian-Israeli relations. He also dis-closed that "an answer" was expected soon on an Egyptian request for the long-running dispute with Israel over the coastal strip at Taba on the Red sea to be referred to arbitration.

The Foreign Minister's conciliatory remarks towards the Israeli leader were seen as representing Egypt's determination to act as a bridge between Arabs and Jews.

• NAQOURA: Talks on ending Israel's occupation of south Lebanon entered their eighth round here yesterday as Lebanon's Cabinet met to discuss a stalled plan to move the Army south of Beirut (Reuter reports). said Lebanon hoped Israel would give a positive reply to a proposal that the Lebanese Army, supported in part by UN forces, should take responsiblity for security throughout south Lebanon.

 RIYADH: Mr Casper Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, and Saudi Defence Minister, Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz, held talks here yesterday on United States military assistance for Saudi Arabia, official sources said

Jordan's peace, page 12 | ill, the palace said.

Egypt hints | Madrid date for Rock reopening

Spain foresees opening the frontier with Gibraltar, permitting the free passage of people and goods, between February 8 and 15, according to a Foreign Ministry official in Madrid.

In London, Mr Maicoln Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in a Commons writen answer that the Spanish enclaves on the north African coast, Ceuta and Melilla, were considered as part of Spain by all parties involved in the negotiations over Spain joining the EEC.

His questioner. Mr John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, said this meant the enclave residents would have voting rights in the next citizens in Gibraltar, who were still denied the right to vote in the elections.

Lambsdorff on new charge

Bonn - The trial of Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the former West German Economics Minister. on charges of corruption could be postponed because of a new charge of tax evasion that the Bonn public prosecutor intends to bring, legal experts said (Michael Binyon writes).

The trial was set for January 10, when the count, his predecessor as economics minster and a former Flick arising out of a favourable tax ruling for the Flick company.

Kashmir city under curfew

Delhi, (Reuter) - A curfew was imposed for a time yesterday on Jammu, the winter capital of the north Indian border state of Jammu and Kashmir, after violence in which one person was stabbed to death, the Press Trust of

india reported. Police said the incident triggered communal violence elsewhere in the mainly Hindu

Appeal fails

Canberra (Reuter) - Austra-lia's most wanted man, Robert Trimbole, who is to face charges of murder, drug smuggling and forgery, vesterday had his appeal against extradition from Ireland rejected by unanimous decision of the Australian High

Border killing

Vienna - Yugoslav border guards shot dead a Romanian attempting to escape into southern Austria last week, according to the daily newspaper Delo.

Marcos back

Manila (AP) - President Marcos of the Philippines will meet his Cabinet tomorrow for the first time since he became

guildty of possessing banned ties such as those perpetrated against the Jew. A Berlin spokesman said the

> obligatory visits to former • KOHL REMEMBERS:

budget for cadet training was to

Chancellor Helmat Kohl will speak at a service in spring commemorating the Oth anniversary of the in gration of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp (AP reports).

Mr Michael Houston, sec retary of the Friends of the Lake District, said: "It is undulating fell country, attractive land, and we are totally opposed to

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent Up to 50 people who took commission which is investigat-

tion of the population.

to review its position. So far no disability or widows'

There were no serious injuries in the leak of 30 gailons of MIC from the plant. The children were treated for temporary eye irritations. One of the aspects being examined in the Indian tragedy yesterday was whether MIC alone was responsible for the thousands of casualties, or

treated.

Paper says gas tank workers were unskilled

whether it was a mixture of the

chemical and phosgene.

Delhi (NYT) - A manager at the American-owned pesticide plant in Genior, Bhopal said the accident had occurred while the outside of the storage tank was being cleaned by unskilled workers, the Hindustan Times reported.

Dr Nily Chaudhuri, the chairman of the Central Water and Air Pollution Board, said in Delhi on Wednesday that he could not confirm or deny the report. Because of the sencitive nature of the installation, Dr Chaudhuri said, entrusting the job to unsupervised, unskilled people would be like "having an atom bomb and asking kids to play with it.

In Bhopal, Mr V. P. Sathe, the Minister for Petroleum and Chemiclas, said that on Sunday night an operator noticed a sudden rise in temperature in the tank in which the lethal chemical was stored and tried to regulate the flow of gas. But by that time, he said, a device that renders if harmless before release into the air had failed and the gas was escaping.

Dr John Henry, a consultant physician, of the National Poisons Information Centre in London, said fatal victims of MIC poisoning would suffer pulmonary edema, a condition which includes drowning in fluids created in the lungs. But complete recovery was

possible and blindness, another common symptom among the survivors at Bhopal, would not be permanent, he said. "The effects of this chemical, and phosgene if it was also involved, are very similar to those of the chemical weapons used during the Great War", he

Although there are no known previous fatalities from MIC, an experiment using human volunteers was conducted in 1974. Dr Henry described it yesterday.

The experiment was conduc-ted by Dr Georg Semmerle in Germany on three volunteers and himself. They were exand himself. They were exposed to varying concentrations of MIC for periods ranging from one to five minutes. At a level of 21 parts per million unbearable irritation was caused to the eyes, ears, nose and throat in minimum time. The safety standard for MIC in The safety standard for MIC in

Britain and America is 0.02 parts per million. The lethal level of methyl isocyanate is said to be two parts per million. On April 22, 1915, 498 tons of chlorine was released by the Germans from 20,730 cylinders at Ypres and caused more than 7,000 casualties, the majority of them alleged to be fatal.

Insurance cover may fall short of victims' claims

By Richard Thomson

There were fears yesterday that Union Carbide's liability insurance cover may not be enough to meet the full cost of claims resulting from the tragedy at its plant at Bhopal. American insurance brokers

50,000 injured from the accident, files compensation claims in the US as well as in India, the compay's liabilities will soar. If the company's insurance cover is exceeded, Union Carbide will have to pay the

believed that if the Indian Government, on behalf of the 2,000 dead and more than

The company has a world-wide liability cover in US markets. One of the lead insurers is American International Group with a potential liability, before reinsurance, of US\$15 million (£12.5 million). Among UK companies with significant US operations, Royal Insurance, has an exposure to Union Carbide's policy of around US\$0.5m



Bishops of

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Some bishops have been

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From Our Own Correspondent Washington

Casey, Director of the CIA, have been let off the hook by the House intelligence committee, which has just completed a two-month inquiry into the agency's role in publishing a guerrilla manual for Nicaraguan rebels.

the law.

was repugnant Congress has voted to cut off (AFP reports).

From Michael Binyon extreme right-wing pamphlets. All police cadets in Berlin will On Tuesday a Berlin court be obliged to visit a former imposed on them fines of DM1,200 (£325) and DM400 concentration camp as part of

conviction of two cadets for baiting a Jewish colleague and orial to the July plotters against Hitler and the place where some inciting racial hatred during of the plotters were hanged. training at the Ruhleden acad-The magistrate said emy in 1982. At the suggestion of their superiors they gave up

spreading of contempt for sections of the population was their training. The two men, now aged 20, were also found the breeding ground for atroci-

be increased to pay for the and ordered them to visit the sites in Berlin of resistance to concentration camps. the Nazis, including the mem-

Tamil insurgents accused of burning 17 people alive on bus

fighting for an independent state here in northern Sri Lanka where a guerrilla land mine burnt 17 people alive in a bus at killed one soldier and injured

Mannar, a north-west coastal ists" were killed. town, to Anaradhapura was stopped by a group of rebels claim the Army went on a who ordered Tamil passengers reprisal rampage after the out and set fire to the vehicle booby-trapping of a military with 16 Sinhalese and one convoy, killing dozens of Muslim inside.

Officials here were fearful officials said more than 80 that the attack might spark off bodies have been recovered from the Mannar area since the government has consistently land mine blast. maintained is the rebels' aim. The Tamils are allegedly supported by training and operational bases in Tamil Nady state in South India. The

bus burning incident brought the death toll to nearly 100. "The terrorists kill Sinhalese Manipay two miles away civilians in the hope of proy k- (Donovan Moldrich writes). ing ethnic violence against the Tamils in the predominantly Sinhalese south. They kill Tamils to make propaganda in lorry carrying 1.500 gallons of Madras saving, 'See what the diesel oil and raided the Jaffna Sinhalese army does'," Mr Post Office, where they relatith Athulathmudali, the moved five telex machines Minister for Security said at a

press briefing. The bus burning at Cheddi-

Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka interest of preventing ethnic (AP) - Armed Tamil rebels violence.

The bus had left Mannar, Cheddikulam, government six others on Tuesday, trigger-officials said yesterday. ing fighting in which the They said the bus from Government said 32 "terror-

But residents of Mannar innocent people. Government from the Mannar area since the

 JAFFNA HIJACKS: Three armed youths yesterday hijacked the car of the Government Agent of Jaffna, Mr
Muttiah Panchalingam, and
kidnapped his driver while he
was travelling from Jaffna to
Manipay two miles away
(Donovan Moldrich writes).

In other incidents in Jaffna, rebels hijacked a Cerlon Pet-roleum Corporation refuelling The lorry was later found abandoned after the diesel oil

had been drained out. Sales of kulam was a clear ethnic attack fuel in the Jaffna area are and the Sri Lankan media have restricted to cut down on the blacked out the incident in the rebels' mobility.

Australian outlook: Part 3

New priorities stir up the immigration debate

In the last of three articles on Australia, Alan Hamilton, who covered last week's general election, discusses the changing pattern of migration to a once overwhelmingly Anglo-Saxon

Professor Geoffrey Blainey, a distinguished historian at Melbourne University, stirred up a hornet's nest earlier this year when he suggested in an address to a local Rotary Club that Australia was letting in too many Asian immigrants.

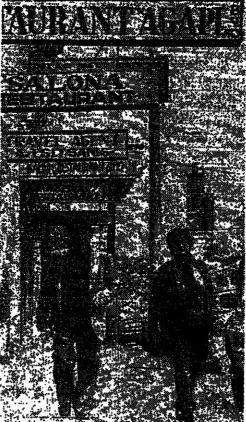
Supporters of a white Australia rushed to agree with him, while a substantial body of alternative opinion branded him a racist. The debate smoulders on.

Certainly the traditional pattern of migration, which heavily favoured residents of the British Isles, has been dramatically reversed: in 1983-84, 26,000 Asians were admitted to the land of the sun and the stubbles, compared with only 13,000 British and Irish.

Australia's own high unemployment. Added to that is the Government's policy of allowing in the immediate families of those Indo-Chinese refugees who found sanctuary in the

wake of the Vietnam War.

But there is another, less publicized factor. The fact is that Britons are just not as interested in emigrating to Australia as they once were. Department of immigration



The changing face of Melbourne: Greek restaurants in the suburb of Carlton and (right)

officials report that, whereas there were more than 130,000 migration applications to Australia House in London in 1980-81, in the first nine months of the last financial

the city's Vietnamese area of Richmond. The drop is attributed to widespread publicity in Britain in the last two years about Australia's own recession now showing signs of improve-ment - and to stories like that

Britain by the Australian company Broken Hill Pro-prietary, who were sacked after only nine months in the sun. Some Australian liberals dream of creating the world's first truly multiracial society

Professor Blainey's remarks, that day is a long way off. In the last year, Europeans of all nationalities accounted for 45 per cent of all immigrants to Australia and are still the biggest single category by far. The number of first-generation British Isles migrants now living in the country is esti-mated at 1.1 million.

The last national survey of ethnic origins, in 1978, showed three-quarters of the population to be of British Isles stock, 8 per cent Southern European, 4 per cent East European, and only 1 per cent Asian. Projections for the year 2008 put Asians at between 4 per cent and 6 per cent, but the Poms still at well over two-

By comparision the census of 1891 showed 87 per cent of the population to be British. The only other substantial category

were Germans, at 4 per cent.
Today the nature of Australian society is still largely
determined by immigration.
The 1981 census showed that,
out of a population of 15 nillion, three million had been born elsewhere with the largest single percentage coming from Britain, although with significant numbers from such un-likely quarters as Maita, Poland, Lebanon, Turkey and

Egypt.

It is the changed priority of categories which has caused this year's immigration debate. Only two years ago the number of migrants admitted to the country under the headings of "labour" or "business" was

cent of the total. In the last year it has dropped to little over 10,000.

Opposition parties in the federal government complained bitterly at the lack of consultation on such an apparently major change of policy, and criticized the Hawke Government for taking advice from the Australian trade union move ment and no one else.



Professor Blainey: Accused of being a racist.

The impression gained by lia's leading cities is not of an influx of Asians - apart from the milling hordes of Japanese tourists — but of Southern Europeans, Italian cab drivers and waiters are everywhere, and Melbourne is said to be the third higgest Greek-speaking city in the world after Athens

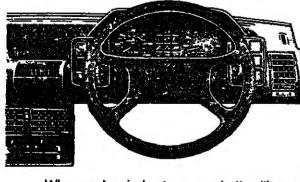
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European gunmen kill nine Kanaks

From Alan Hamilton, Noumea

Nine people have been killed and three seriously wounded in a night ambush at the remote New Caledonia village of Hienghene, 300 miles from the they were stopped by a road block set up by Europeans. Dynamite was thrown into one car and the men were shot as they tried to escape,

rapital.

The dead and injured were all Melanesians, members of Kanak community which is agitating for independence from France. Two of those killed were brothers of M Jean-Pierre Tjibaou, the self-proclaimed are sident and furnished of the president and figurehead of the

ndependence movement. French security forces immediately flew into the village in helicopters and evacuated 51 civilians. More than 100 gendarmes are combing the area for

from a meeting at a village hall

clues and suspects.

M Tjibaou said yesterday that the Kanaks had been returning home in two cars

Pro-government disputed this version, and claimed the Kanaks had been attacked after setting fire to the houses of two French settlers. A Government spokesman said that the badly burned body of a man had been found in one

of the cars, riddled with bullets. M Edgard Pisani, the French Government commissioner charged with solving the inde-pendence dispute, said yesterday that despite the incident the security situation in the island

was returning to normal. - Seventeen Kanaks, arrested during disturbances when they boycotted the local elections on Nov 18, have been released.

Dissident defends his thesis

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade

The trial of six Yugoslav intellectuals charged with antistate conspiracy resumed yesterday after a two-week break, with one of the defendants, Milan Nikolic, rejecting additional charges and refusing to answer any more questions because his integrity did not permit him to

take further part. Earlier, the Public Prosecutor additionally charged Mr Nikolic with engaging in hostile activities in connection with two manuscripts found in his flat. One was published last year in the New Left Review by an English author who sent the manuscripts for Mr Nikolic's

Ridiculing the charge, Mr Nikolie said dozens of institutions in Yugoslavia were receiving the review, including libraries of the Communis Party. Therefore all those who had read the allegedly incriminating article should share the defendants' bench.

The second additional charge related to Mr Nikolic's thesis or the conflicts in Yugoslavia, prepared for his master's degree at Brandeis University.

As the prosecutor presented it as evidence that he was calling on Yugoslav workers to rise against the regime, Mr Nikolic said: "How can I call upon Yugoslav workers to rise when the thesis is written in the English language?"

Muldoon is ordered out of debate

From Our Correspondent Wellington

Sir Robert Muldoon, who was voted out of the leadership of the Opposition National Party last week, last night was ordered from the parliamentary chamber for calling Mr John Terris, the chairman of committees, an incompetent and unfrocked priest.

Sir Robert, a former Prime Minister, precipitated a furious debate by labelling Mr Chris Laidlaw, the Government's adviser on Commonwealth affairs, a traitor. Mr Laidlaw is a former foreign service officer and was a deputy to Mr Sonny Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

Sir Robert said: "My im-pression was what he did was prepare ammunition for the Secretary-General to fire to hurt his own country. I'm talking about the question of our relationship with South Africa and our relationship with Africa generally, and I have to tell you I regarded him

as a traitor to New Zealand". In the ensuing furore Mr David Lange, the Prime Minis-ter, said the remarks were an indicamet of Sir Robert's character, mentality and judge-ment. When the chair failed to respond to demands that the Prime Minister withdraw his comment, Sir Robert turned on the chairman. He was ordered from the chamber and the Sergeant at Arms summoned.

Key wage agreements bring relief for Lange From W. P. Reeves, Wellington

yesterday when employers and unions in several key industries settled on increases of between six and seven per cent.

The agreements, covering metal and electrical workers and drivers, are the first for more than two and a half years under the wage bargaining principle, and set trends likely to be followed in succeeding negotiations.

The new rates are acceptable to the Government. It wanted a lower figure, but, given that some unions have been asking for 20 per cent and a declaration by the Federation of Labour that its bottom line was 9.6 per cent, the Government can feel some relief at the outcome. As negotiations started again this week, Mr David Lange, the

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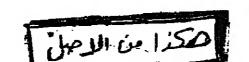
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In another development, Mr Lange yesterday announced what he described as a "tough policy" for sports people visit-ing New Zealand on South African passports. Entry would be denied unless they declared that they were not representing South Africa.

The sporting organization involved in New Zealand would also have to give an undertaking that the South African would not be considered in any way to

be representing that country.
The first test of the policy is likely to come in the reaction of South African tennis players expected to enter the New Zealand Open championships next month.



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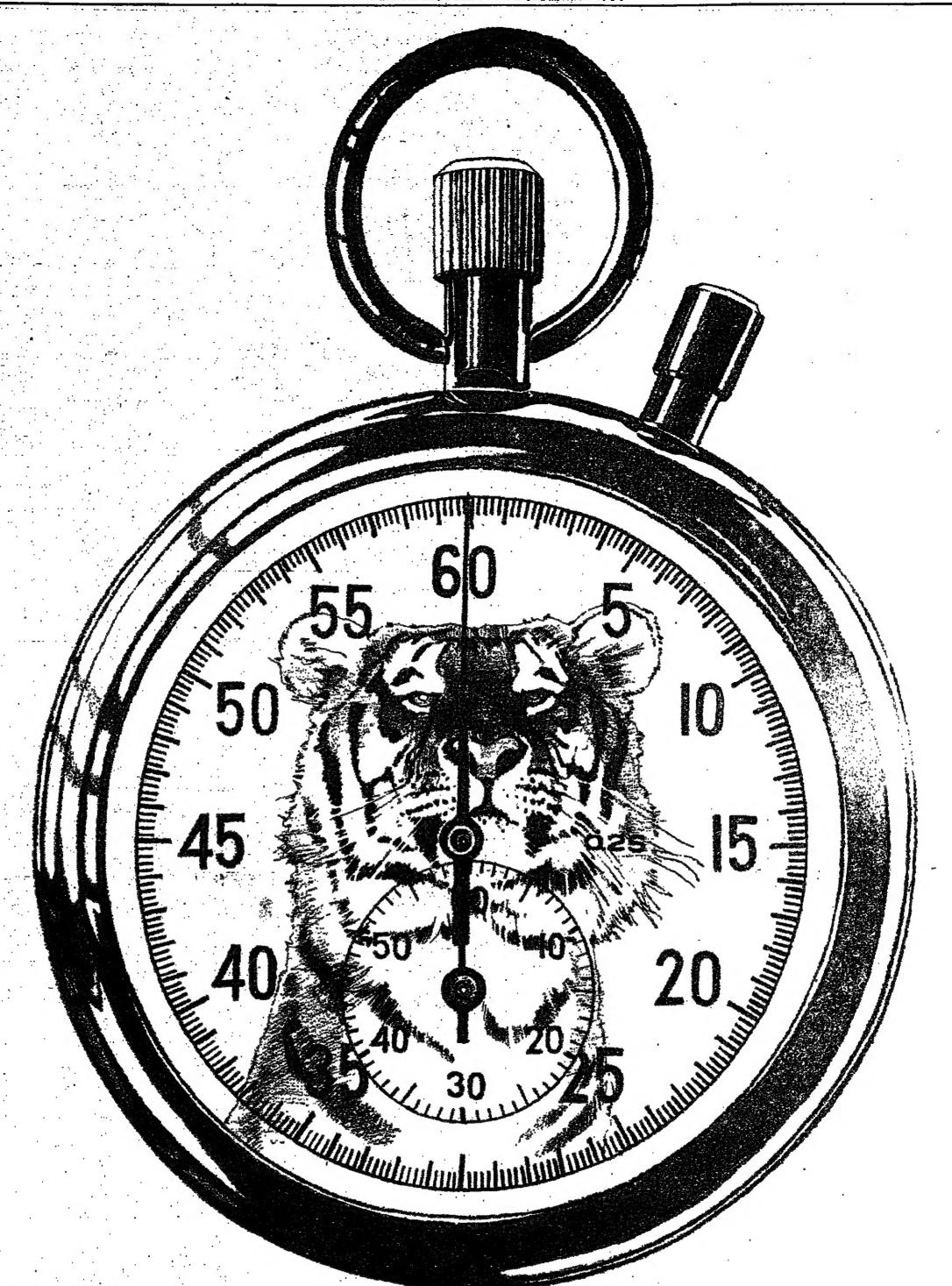
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Catholic bishops assail police conduct in South African townships

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The Catholic Church in Southern Africa yesterday issued a powerful and welldocumented denunciation of unrest in African townships around Johannesburg since August.

The 38-page report declares that police behaviour resembled that of an occupying toreign army controlling enemy territory by force without regard for the civilian population and, it appears, without regard for

by the Most Reverend Denis report on township unrest, to that such ammu ensure that it did not infringe no serious harm, and president of the Southern the Police Act.

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Soweto leader killed

(AFP) - Edward the chairman of Soweto's municipal council, was killed in an ambush just hours before he was expected to be elected mayor of this black township on the outskirts of Johannesburgh.

Police said a car carrying several people blocked Mr Manyosi's vehicle as he drove late on Wednesday through Soweto and an unidentified man in the car shot him twice. once in the head. The South African press

was killed shortly after leaving a policemen were involved in acts municipal council meeting during which some of the council-lors decided to elect him mayor developing between the police during a vote due to be held and the people." Archbishop vesterday. He would have Hurley said Instead of being replaced Soweto's controversial guardians of law and order,

Tshabalala, Mr Manyosi, considered the current mayor's main political rival, had appeared his most likely successor following a stormy municipal council meet-ing last week

African Catholic Bishops' Con-The report alleges indiscriminate use of firearms, including Archbishop Hurley said the rubber bullets, birdshot and report was based on affidavits convetional bullets. It estimates police conduct in countering and statements from between that 150 people have been killed 40 and 50 people who had in disturbances in townships on sufferd from, or been witnesses the Reef, and attributes the of police brutality.

He was satisfied that in the The police admit having killed overwhelming majority of cases more than 90 people. police attacks had been unpro-

In an appendix to the report, a doctor says that rubber bullets The Archbishop faces trial in can kill at close range.

February under the Police Act The report suggests that the for remarks at a press confer- use of rubber bullets, though ence in February 1983 accusing intended to reduce the number It was released at a press civilians. He said great care had police to feel they have an open conference in Pretoria chaired been taken in compiling the licence to shoot in the belief that such ammunition can do

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A common allegation is that during assaults the police laughed and appeared to regard what they were doing as "a kind of sport". Both back and white policemen were involved in set

of volence replaced Soweto's controversial guardians of law and order, current mayor, Mr Aphraim police were promoters of unrest and disturbance.

They seem to be in a mood which inspires them to say: 'The people are our enemy, and we are out to impose our will upon them by any means that we find effective," "he declared.

VERY PRESENTABLE KITCHEN HELL



Riding to rescue: Safety workers board a trolly to search for 61 men trapped 8,250ft deep in the Haishan Iken coal mine, south-west of Taipei. Thirty-three other bodies were recovered after an explosion on Wednesday.

Red Cross doubles aid appeal

Geneva (AP) — The International Red Cross, doubling last year's appeal for aid, yesterday asked members to give 165 million Swiss francs (£53 million) next year as an emergency lifeline" to Africa.

The Geneval-based I come of The Geneva-based League of National Red Cross Societies

said that SFr128 million was needed immediately to provide food and supplies to famine victims in 14 countries, Ethio-pia, Chad, Kenya, Mali, Mau-ritania, Mozambique, Niger, ritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Burkina Faso, and Cape Verde.

Another SFr37 million was needed to fight famine in the Sahel region, where the situ-

ation was "deteriorating fast".

The League said its aid would go to young children and mothers, and said it planned to train 1,000 new volunteers for its African relief programmes.

Two vital questions for Greens

From Michael Binyon Bonn.

The Greens today begin a congress in Hamburg that may be crucial in deciding whether, the five-year-old party, now riding the wave of electoral success in West Germany, is to develop into a real political force here and throughout Europe or is to remain a diffuse protest movement of environmentalists and pacifists.

At issue are two vital questions dividing the party into realists and fundamental ists: Whether the Greens should cooperate with the opposition Social Democrats, sharing power in state parliaments and preparing for a possible co-aligos after the 1987 sequel election, and whether Green members of Parliament should resign halfway through their term to make way for others on

the "rotation" principle.

The bitter differences in the collective leadership and in the party base have been glossed over in the cupheria following a string of successes in state and local elections which have made the Greens the third political force in West Germany, ahead of the hapless Free Democrats. They now have about 11 per represented in six of the 11 state

parliaments. But the recent abrupt abrogation by the Greens in Hesse of their 24-week alliance with the ruling Social Democrats has raised questions about the party's willingness to take on real political responsibility. The Social Democrats who until now have handled the Greens with kid gloves in the hope of enticing them into a loose alliance to outvote the Christian Democrats, are now taking a harder line. They have gone on the offensive in Hesse and are accusing the Greens of irrespon-sibility and deceiving the dealists who support them.

Under the rotation principle, all 27 members of the Bundes tag faction are due to resign in March. This is now opposed by most of the MPs themselves, especially Herr Otto Schily, the former party speaker who has emerged as its most effective and influential MP, on the grounds that it robs the party of its experienced activists

A Greens spokesman said yesterday that Mr Arthur Scargill, the British miners' leader, had been invited to address the congress. The party recently announced a donation to support miners' families.

absolutely no money available to offer Greece anything. Mrs Margaret Thatcher has

M Le Pen: Blames Athens

Right-wing MEPs in junta plea

National Front, and his group of 15 right-wing European Parliament deputies yesterday asked the Greek Government to George Papadopoulos and other leaders of the 1967 military coup from prison.

We recommend that the

Greek Government, respecting the highest traditions of Hellenic civilization, grants freedom to men who have suffered excessivly," they said in a communique issued at the end of a four-day meeting in Athens. The meeting led to demon-

strations by more than 1,000 former political prisoners of the disgraced Greek junta and violent clashes between police and extreme leftists that left more than 20 injured and led to hundreds of arrests. M Le Pen claimed at a Press conference yesterday that "the negative stance" of the Greek Socialist Government toward the right-wing MEP had fuelled the violence.

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mistaken impression she was alone on board. She tried to

escape through the porthole. But was spotted by a crew member, who grabbed her

The managers of the RMS St Helena. Curnow Shipping of

Helston, Cornwell, said yester-

day that the vessel was now

completing trials at Dakar before sailing for Cape Town,

its other regular port of call.

Only two days after the fire,

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Britons five days adrift after supply ship fire

From Our Correspondent, Dakar The RMS St Helena, the control in 24 hours and the

small passenger and cargo ship which is the main link between the island of St Helena and the. outside world, was adrift for five days in the South Atlantic after a serious fire on board. Now in Dakar, Senegal, the

ship is expected to set sail again later today or tomorrow after repairs to the damage caused by the fire which broke out on October 31. The ship was on its way

home to Avenmouth, towards the end of a seven-week round trip, and was about 270 miles south-west of Freetown, Sierra Leone, when the fire started in the engine room at about

The 31 passengers, most of them British, took to the lifeboats, and these were swung out, but now lowered into the water, while the crew struggled to stop the fire reaching the fuel tanks. When the worst danger was over, they spent the

night on deck. The blaze was brought under

Thorn fears Greece puts EEC target date beyond reach

From Ian Murray, Brussels

It now seems impossible for made it abundantly clear that Spain and Portugal to join the she does not believe Greece EEC as planned by the begin-ning of 1986, according to Mr the sums it is seeking.

Thorn said in Brussels that the negotiating calendar was now so tight that the target date seemed out of reach. This was because Greece was not prepared to lift its veto on enlargement until the European summit at the end

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, said in Dublin that he would only allow the enlargement of the Community to go shead once he was satisfied with EEC plans - yet to be negotiated - to spend money in the poorer regions of the Mediterranean.

According to Mr Thorn, this will make Spain and Portugal hold out for better terms than the Community is prepared to offer, which in turn will mean that final accession terms cannot be agreed until after March.

Some three months would then be required to complete the necessary legal texts for presentation to the 10 national parliaments, which would all be on holiday by the time the documents were ready.

This would then make it mpossible for ratification of the terms to begin before October of next year, leaving only three months at best to complete the process. Community experience has been that a minimum of 10 months is required to clear such a document through all 10 parliaments.

Mr Thorn pointed out that this was the best possible scenario, and would depend on Vir Papandreou being satisfied in his demand for a five or sixyear-deal worth up to £1,500 million to Greece alone. If, as now seems inevitable,

the European Parliament next week rejects the Community budget for 1985, there will be

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The Socialist leader had wriggled out of his party's anti-Community platform by arguing that if the EEC accepted the terms set out in the Greek memorandum which sought more financing and longer transition, membership would become a boon.

The Greek memorandum has

Steel apology for 'below par' pair

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, apologized yesterday while addressing European Liberals in Brussels for Mrs Thatcher's appointment of two 'redondant political nonentities" to Bruss figures to the EEC's new administration next year showed Mrs Thatcher's low Community, he said.

They are Mr Stanley Clinton Davis a former junior Labour trade minister, and Lord Cockfield, an ex-Tory Cabinet

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veto by allowing enlargement negotiations to go on but threatening to block it at the March summit if there is no definite commitment on the Mediterranean programme.

ANKARA: Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister.

said negoiations on full Turkish. membership of the EEC would be difficult but that he would' not be deterred from the goal

Rome trial order for 197 leftists

Pittella, doctor and until recently a Socialist senator, is among 197 left wingers whom the Rome pubic prosecutor has asked, after a long investigation. to be sent for trial on charges of insurrection against the State (John Earle writes).

The former senator, expelled from his party when investigations were opened against him, is already under house arrest awaiting trial for aiding and abetting terrorists because he is alleged to have shetered and treated in his nursing home an injured Red Brigade mem-ber, Natalia Ligas.

Malta approves. Libya pact

· Valletta (Reuter) - Malta's Parliament has approved a friendship and co-operation treaty with Libya which pledges military support if the Mediter-ranean island is threatened.

A neutrality pact with Italy has been ended, Mr Dom Mintoff, Malta's Prime Minister, said.

Opposition defies Zia

Islamabad. (AFP) - Opposition leaders in Pakistan yesterday openly defied a threat by President Zia ul-Haq to jail anyone calling for a boycott of proposals to extend Islamic law. A spokesman for the move-

Democracy told foreign re-porters that the organization intended to keep up its campaign for a boycott of the vote.

Fishermen freed

Taipei (AP) - The Soviet Union has released a Taiwanese fishing boat and its 14 crew after holding them captive since September, the fishermen's association reported.

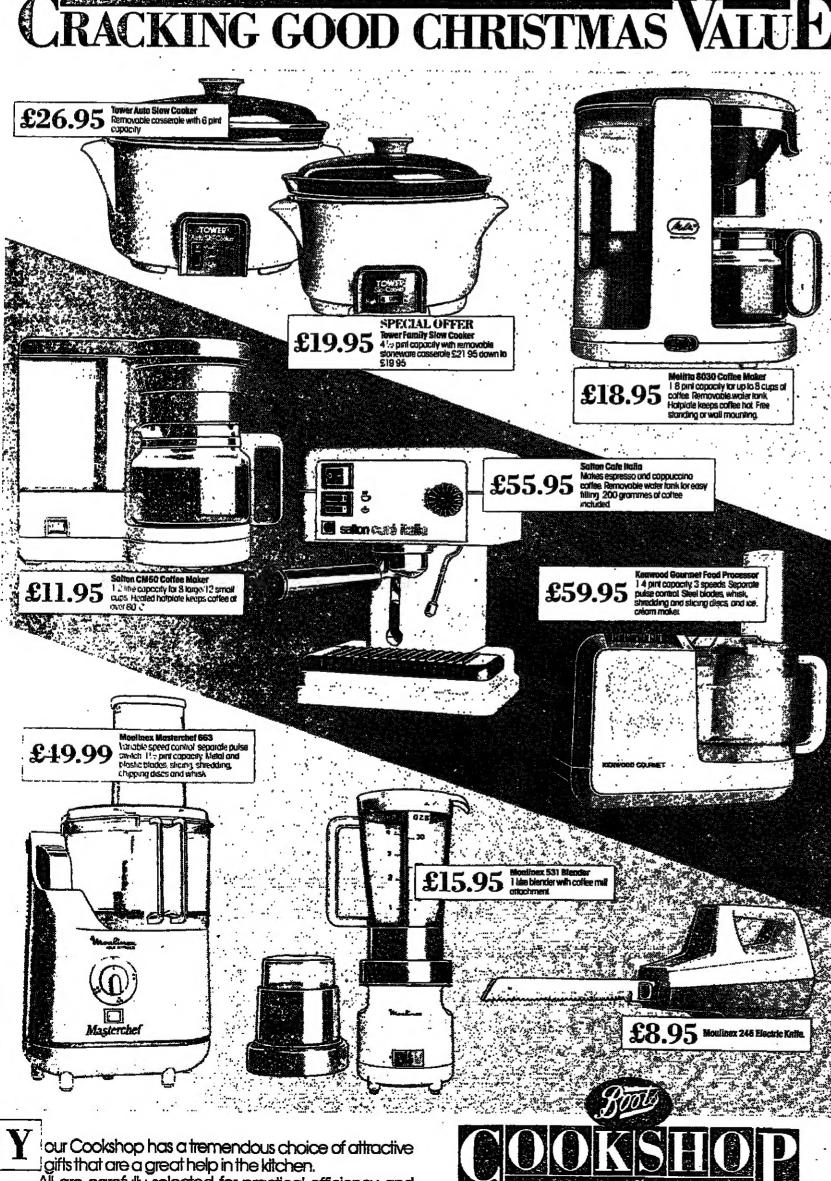
Aids death

Bangkok (AP) - Thailand's first victim of the fatal disease Aids, a Thai in his 20s, has died here. He contracted Aids while studying in the United States.

Exercise time

Louisville, Kentucky (AP) -Mr William Schroeder, the mechanical heart recipient, has taken a 12-step walk and may go for wheelchair ride today for a change of scenery, a hospital official said here.





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with a Rigoletto, wildly directed by Yuri Lyubimov, that attracted derision and full houses. La traviata. opening the winter season this week, has a staging by Franco Zeffirelli of much authority and majesty. Again it was sold out before it started, but this time at curtain-fall the only sound to the at curain-ian the only sound to be heard was of cheering for the young Italian soprano Cecilia Gas-dia, who shamefully has yet to be heard in London; for Carlos Kleiber, making one of his increasingly rare appearances in the pit, and for

Zeffirelli has lived long with Verdi's La traviata, first back in the Callas years and more recently on film. And at Florence Zeffirelli the stage producer borrows quite a lot from Zeffirelli the movie director. During the Act I prelude there is a distant image of Violetta on her death-bed. What follows, such is the implication, are emotions and feelings relived. It may be argued that for those with the ears to listen,

But Zeffirelli's opening does make the point that much of Traviata is about living under the threat of

imminent death. And in the film Violetta is almost suffocated by her surroundings: the draped curtain, the ornate mirrors, the immense tapestries, the chandeliers heavy under their own weight Zeffirelli the designer has always been half in love with clutter and here he uses it to mighty effect. But Zeffirelli the film director also insists on the occasional close-up, so that for the first moment of intimacy in Act I, "Un di felice", the scenery vanishes (a bit noisily) so that Violetta and Alfredo are left alone by the fireside.

The same device is used in the next act during Flora's party. One moment the stage is filled with gypsies and toreadors - for once the "Spanish" ballet is performed with real panache - and the next Violetta. and Alfredo are alone in their private

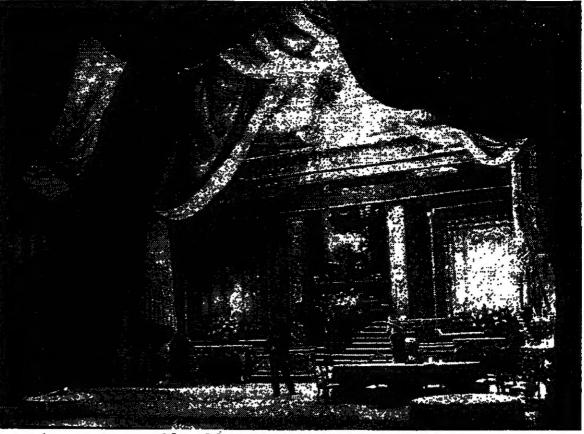
The core of the production is the difference between social life and private life. The first, for Violetta, is killer, the second brings a little happiness, especially before the curtain goes up on Act II, a ravishingly designed winter garden in the St Germain-en-Laye house.

Violetta herself is one of Zeffirelli's line of little girls - Romeo and Juliet; Brother Sun, Sister Moon. Cecilia Gasdia's tiny frame makes her look as much like a Giselle as a Violetta.

The long black hair, framing the reminder of the famous portrait of Marie Alphonsine Plessis, the original lady of the camelias. Gasdia's own portrait, which looks to have had Zeffirelli's very careful guidance, is far removed from the conventional prima doma. Her Violenta is a firal creature constantly looking for support, whether in the heart-breaking Act I cry "Amami Alfredo" or just the solidity of a piece of firmiture. to cling to .-

The voice is neither particularly brilliant nor large, although it does cut through the Act II finale. But it is marvellously controlled, especially in the pianissimo passages - "Dite alla giovine" was a model from both conductor and soprano. And it has a colouring that can switch from sorrow to joy in an instant. In this and many other ways Gasdia recalls the young Cotrubas - high praise.

Peter Dvorsky's Alfredo is cut of have been better matched with a more highly-strung and lyrical tenor such as Schicoff. Georgio Zancanaro's Germont père on the other hand was a true bastion of bourgeois society and his sense of Verdian legato ensured that "Di Provenza" received an ovation. But many of the upporting roles were weakly cast. Carlos Kleiber demanded at times



A love of clutter used to spectacular effect in Act III

In Adrian Noble's production

the play takes on tremendous

panache and progressively splinters staff stereotypes under the weight of human diversity.

As a writer of best-sellers

Russell Hoban ought to be good

box-office, and a collaboration

with the Impact Theatre per-

formance art company, whose

Useful Vices was gripping a couple of years ago, looked promising. But The Carrier

Frequency is not the sort of stuff

to convert Hoban-lovers, or

Thin and repetitive to a degree,

banal verbal detritus of city life,

and exhibits his characteristic

vein of nonsense-language to

the extent of proving it intoler-

The Carrier

Frequency

Irving Wardle

diaphonous sound which the Florence strings were not always able to provide. He aimed at a nervous refinement in which nothing was overstated. It is remarkable to have heard in a week two opera house performances - the first Solti at Covent Garden, now Kleiber in

Florence - in which magical effects have been obtained through total

Thanks to the Kleiber-Gasdia-Zeffirelli combination Florence may this week have stolen a little operation before La Scala opens tonight with Carmen. There has never been a

shortage of rivalry between the It would have been hard to discover the programme, but this Traviata is a coproduction with Covent Garden, It

> and all, the cast of six arrive and penetrate the plastic sheeting that initially hides the set, from

which the unexpected sound of

splashing announces their entry into a pool of tears. In the lake

sit two pier-like structures and a

table, on to which performers

repeatedly splash handfuls of

water and scrutinize them feverishly. They are not, it seems, seeking North Sea oil but symbolizing the fruitless minutiae of the arms-race conference table. This continues for almost half the cheer.

Above them, women broad-

cast insidious propaganda to someone called Ernie in elabor-

ately repetitive gobbledygook. One may lose nuances in 30 minutes of nonsense spoken

over heavy music, but there are

evident incitements to bash the

bastards who dropped the last bomb, larded with flattering

references to Ernie's virility and

flashes of Hoban humour (the

farting fish, I thought,

especially good value).

for almost half the show.

credits before we saw the recipient, after apologising to his bemused wife for being such fact in the Florence an inadequate husband, walk down the garden with his Purdy, conjugating the verb peccare, to blow his head off. It comes to London in October 1986 with Carlos Kleiber conducting

was safe, I thought, to assume that this was not to atone for his marital failings. It was a whirl throughout: a lecherous nuclear strategist and professor (Dan O'Herliby), murderous KGB men, smooth Oxbridge intelligence types - all pieces of a jigsaw which we may sort out later, though it does not

matter too much in these affairs if we do not. I feel that the SAS's Major Maxim will sort everybody out On his way to No 10 to meet the Prime Minister ("Mother Bear", they presumptuously call her), who would ask him to keep an eye on the pro- sor's

security - a duty that will involve watching his lechery, too - he dealt with a grenade thrower without even panting. "Instinct", he modestly told his doubting sidekick Agnes Algar (Jill Meager). I did not much care for her. Too cynical.
But I thought the mysterists
Czech lady, Zuzana Kino,
played by Rom Anderson, promised well in the KGB shoot-out. She and the widowed

major seem meant for each other if there are to be The climax is reached as survivors. Rent Boys are young male from their stations in bellicose prostitutes who, apparently, abound in Britains's major it gives almost no scope to frenzy, intensify their scrabbling Hoban's witty way with the on the table, fall on their knees cities. Richard Belfield's Forty in the water for frantic prayer Minutes on BBC2 talked to (driving off rival supplicants in several of them. The proan image of religious schism) gramme held the interest at first and carry out each other as and seemed to be going somewhere. Alas, it was in corpses from successive cata-

Anthony Masters

Cinema

Expensive toys for grown-up infants

Ghostbusters (PG) Odeon Leicester Square

Gremlins (15) Warner West End

A Christmas Carol

Classics Haymarket, Oxford Street

In less than half a year. Ghostbusters and Gremlins have together earned something the gross national expenditure professional ghostbusters, and or even the defence budget, but are called on to relieve New it is money on a scale that few York of its supernatural visiof us can begin to comprehend. What makes the phenom-

enon interesting is that the films in question, far from being extraordinary, innovatory or in Kong, any way elevating to the The film's team and director any way elevating to the imagination, are banal, foolish and mechanical. They are costly

Their conception and characters are those of comic strip. Their subjects are elemental notions of alien invaders from other worlds. Their scripts dispense with any conventional requirement of dramatic argument or logic. With hindsight, it the formula. Above all there is event far too cowardly. the reliance upon special effects. Ghostbusters is perhaps pref-The effects specialists have erable to Gremlins, which is today become the masters of more calculatedly ingratiating. Hollywood: on the titles of both these films. Special Visual innocently mindless. When the Effects Unit" credits outnumber little creatures who spawn and the rest, and certainly account terrorize a nice middle-Amerifor a major proportion of the can township are bad they are

nuge budgets. a hen unere is the sly mixing they are very, very good, as cute of terror and comedy. Audiences are invited to partake of conceived to earn further

time to mock with laughter both the style and their own fears. The voluntary regression to a comic-strip stage of intellectual development is excused by the illusion of sophisticated, cynical

Ghostbusters, for example, is really a comic version of a solemn, silly horror film, The Sentinel, directed by Michael Winner: a New York apartment house turns out to be the gateway to an infernal world. The comedy is provided by the team of Bill Murray, who specializes in characters of impervious slobbishness, Dan Ackroyd and Harold Ramis. who also wrote the string of between three and a half and shocking verbal quips that does four hundred million dollars in for a script. Not unreasonably america alone. That may be no thrown off the university more than a tiny percentage of campus, these three set up as which include so Disneyland ghosts and a giant Marshmallow Man who stalks the city like a sugar-puff King

Ivan Reitman, came to the fore with Animal House, an early and calculated industrial prod- demonstration of their ability to ucts, garish plastic toys for the give the public what it wants, grown-up infants who (to judge Like Gremlins, Ghostbusters only from this box-office success) constitute the main popu- the London Film Festival. On lation of our English-speaking that occasion, a gentle Scandi-world. a gentle Scandi-navian lady in the audience stood up, hurt and near to tears, to ask Mr Reitman if he were not ashamed to use so much money for a film that only tended to degrade the audience. Mr Reitman was so fervently supported by the National Film Theatre audience as a whole is possible to attribute their that any of us who felt inclined huge success to two elements in to support the lady were in the

and not in the same way innocently mindless. When the horrid, but when they are good all the old infantile thrills of millions in the toy market.



Slavitza Jovan in the chief ghost's most human manifestation in .

The society of the little town very self-consciously recalls the world of old Frank Capra films, as does the sweet and wacky family who launch the gremlins when the inventor father brings one home as a pet for his young son. The nasty rich widow bent on having the lad's dog put to sleep is a dead ringer for Margaret Hamilton, who had the same designs on Judy Garland's pup in the The Wizard of Oz

It is because this world is cosily familiar that the invasion of the alien beings is so sinister, and the sinister quality seems a metaphor for the neuroses of

All this may or may not be too great a weight of signifi-cance to lay upon this childish tale, which does have its moments of pleasure - like the Gremlins' night at the picture

show, singing along with the Seven Dwarts. The film was produced by Steven Spielberg, proving once again his ability to predict audience tastes, and directed by Joe Dante, whose communities were Piranha and The Howling.
Eisenstein was given to

quoting Dickens as an example of cinematic writing. Mostly be was referring to the writer's quality of detailed visualization: but the newest version of A Christmas Carol demonstrates more clearly than any previous one what an exemplary allround screenplay Dickens wrote, fifty years before the cinema existed. The screenwriter, Roger O. Hirson, has sensibly altered very little from

Anyone staging the Carol is necessarily committed to the Christmas card scene and landscapes since, after all, they owe their place in the folklore in large part to this very work. Elsewhere though the director Clive Donner has been remarkably successful in ridding the tale of much of 140 years' accretion of sentimentality. He has restored a good deal of the toughness that is inherent in the original; this may well be the first adaptation which has retained the vision of the famine children. Want and Ignorance, and it is presented as readfully as it should be.

Much of the toughness comes from the casting of George C. Scott as Scrooge. He is not the wizened eccentric miser that Leech's illustrations tend to make him, but a pillar of capitalism. His position is often rational if not charitable or likeable, and his resistance to reform is quite spirited. Dickens, as the film reminds us, gave him spirit and humour and some nice one-liners in his encounters with the ghosts. In other regards the film is admirably faithful to Dickens

and Leech in recreating the landscape and figures of the book. Edward Woodward is a marvellously Bacchic Ghost of Christmas Present; David Warner and Roger Rees make Cratchit and Nephew Fred charming without being soppy; and Susannah York is a graceful Mrs Cratchit. Even for the most demanding Dickensian this should be an innocent, old-

Theatre The Desert Air closest colleague, Pagan, it amounts to outright hatred, Pagan (Peter Eyre) has hitherto

Other Place, Stratford lived by the code of gentlemanly honesty; but circum-stances now require him to lie.

Taking off from the history of the Special Operations Execu-tive, Nicholas Wright's play offers a comically high-powered account of how we inadvertently won the war in Yagoslavia through backstairs intrigue in the Secret Service.

The time is 1942, when Britain was supporting the inactive Chetnik resistance army before belatedly switching army before belatedly switching allegiance to Tito's partisans who went on to liberate Belgrade. Not much of this background is known to the personnel of Dangerous Operations Groundforce (DOG), whose Cairo office resembles a Whitehall club until the arrival of Colonel Gore as its new director.

Marvellously played by Geof-frey Hutchings with an anguished gut overhanging his Sam Browne belt and the neckthrusts of an angry turkey, Gore ספקענו sized, lower middle-class paranoid empire-builder. Who is winning the Balkans he neither knows nor cares so long as the operation adds another pip to his shoulder. And, after zealously cooking up fictions on behalf of the foot-dragging Chetniks, he conducts an ingenious volte face: but only to be cheated by the arrival of a "tall blue-blooded pointy" young brigadier to lead the mission to Trio.

Hippo's sad story is inset in a crowded picaresque of the British in Cairo. And if the result falls short of farce it is only because Mr Wright under stands that army life leaves nothing for any farce writer to add. The opening scene shows Montgomery pausing in midbriefing to examine a tank Engines roar, the doors slide open amid clouds of smoke and nothing appears; whereupon warm approval is expressed at this master-stroke of British camouffage.

Elsewhere, the DOG members charge off to conduct conspicuously drilled sleuthing in night clubs, and inspect Yugoslav patriots billeted in an outlying brothel. Hippo speaks for them all in his conspiratorial line: "I will remain in the centre of the yard and simulate normal behaviour.

Hippo's horrendous impact on the former merchant bankers and Cambridge reds who comprise his underlings can be

David Robinson imagined. But in the case of his

able in the theatre. After a recorded treble takes us through that psaim about the waters of Babylon, doxology

BBCSO/Pritchard Festival Hall/Radio 3

To perform such a work as A Mass of Life at all adequately now must take an act of musical quixotry such as probably only the BBC could do in association with the Royal Philharmonic Society, as happened on Wednesday. It is not inferior to other major works of Delius, but somewhat more extravagant in orchestral resources, as well as in the emotional fervour derived from the poetry of Nietzche, whose paganism today is a commonplace, which no Delius music could ever be. Sir John Pritchard conducted performance which I would describe as more satisfying than memorable. He exaggerated nothing, certainly not the

passion, or the temptation to mock-dramatics. .The opening chorus had the requisite vigour and exuber-ance, with the BBC Singers and Chorus in responsive voice. But the double fugue of the first dance song demanded altogether stronger entries if it was not to sound redolent of Grecian tunics on a playing field, which the second dance song in the later part of the work perhaps more excusably

Benjamin Luxon propounded the Nietzschean sentiments with a generally warm assurance once he was past the first exhortation to dance and to laugh, which found him with an unexpected sense of strain. Later his self-questioning thoughtfulness took us with him, even to accepting his calm invitation to contemplate the eternity of death. I am not sure that Alfreda Hodgson heard herself as the incarnation of Life in one of her early contralto entries, but she later joined with Teresa Cahili and Arthur Davies, soprano and tenor, to form a spirited trio.

The conductor made much of the orchestral interludes, with some wonderfully expressive instrumental playing from the BBC Symphony Orchestra that highlighted such details as the beautiful writing for the darkertoned instruments, especially the bass clarinet and cor anglais. On the other hand, the prelude to Part 2 lacked the poetic feeling in the horn playing both on stage and off, to be the tone-poem of a

mountain dawn. Noël Goodwin

Dennis Hackett Concerts

Bloomsbury Theatre

From appearances at Riverside and the Almeida, the group

Music and Revolution have now graduated with their educational early Soviet cabaret to an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network tour. This is perhaps their Stalinist phase. The programme is ostensibly much as it was, but the presentation is a whole lot slicker, more ironic. Which is fine for Mayakovsky, caught in the full flight of egotistical hysteria in Teddy Kempner's enactments of the poems. One may feel, though, that

patronizing the material has got out of hand when Prokofiev and Lourie are represented by weak pieces indifferently performed, and killed stone-dead by being preceded by someone's memoirs of them as stupidly vain young men. It is a bit tactless, too, to sing Alexander Mosolov's nursery pictures and Nikolay Obukhov's ecstatic expostulations with the same amused surprise: Mosolov was indeed an ironist in the

Music and Revolution tradition of Mussorgsky and Stravinsky, but Obukhov was simply mad, and madness demands a certain respect.

In the second half of their concert Music and Revolution

are offering a new piece by Edison Denisov, whose reputation in the West may well be disproportionate. Fifteen years ago he seemed the great hope of Soviet music, but the more recent works I have heard have been disappointing, and The Blue Notebook was no exception. Its main delights are all in the words, by two writers of the 1920s, Kharms and Vvedensky: there are macabre funny stories brilliantly delivered by Grigori Gerenstein, interleaved with songs of a delicate imagery

skating over reality.

Bizarreness and fragility are also fitfully qualities of the music, for violin, cello, piano and prepared piano accompanying the soprano (Jane Manning), but there is an awful lot of mumbling shadowy figuration that barely goes beyond setting a dream-like Revolutions atmosphere. should be made of sterner stuff.

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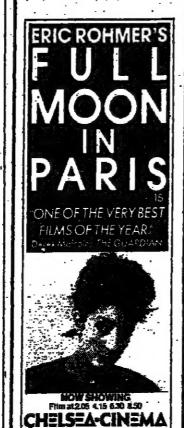
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The Greek Passion Dominion

Martinu's The Greek Passion is an improving opera, full of stirring effects and noble sentiments. The composer worked long and hard on it, completing the last of several revisions in 1959, but he did not live to see its première in 1961: He adapted the libretto himself from a translation of Kazantza-kis's novel Christ Recrucified.

The story of Greek villagers taken over by and in the end destroyed by the roles they have been allotted in their annual Passion play is a powerful one full of parallels for those who might try to identify latter-day Christs and Judases But the blandness of the

music finally destroys the strength of the subject. There are enough sonorous choruses for several oratorios, but the soloists lack really memorable music. The orchestral interludes are effective and were here splendidly played under An-

The opera can work as pure the distraction spectacle. This Welsh National passing goats. Opera production, first seen in 1981, is the only one on this

the School of Music at Indiana University mounted it in 1981 and brought it to the Met in a production which went in for massive vistas of the Greek village and crowd upon crowd of villagers and refugees. WNO's resources are more

country. In the United States,

modest, and it was a tribute to Michael Geliot's direction that the story came across so strongly, the central characterizations are well drawn, from Jeffrey Lawton's beefy yet innocent Manolios, the Christ figure to Phyllis Cannan's typically searing, clear Katerina. the Mary Magdalene figure. Among the rest John Tranter's Grigoris is a vividly nasty piece of work as the local priest and dictator and, in the final tragedy, Anthony Mee's Judas figure seems to stab Manolios in a crazed quest for the approval

The strongest sections are the first and last acts; the central scenes are too bitty and (here at least) too strung out with pauses. But the opera continu-ously looks interesting, thanks to John Gunter's designs and the distraction of a couple of

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Self-made millionaire Gilbert Kaplan's love for Mahler's Second Symphony has made him famous for conducting it - despite having virtually no music training. Sally Brompton reports

One man's magnificent obsession

\ self-made millionaire and real-life Walter Mitty will stand up on the stage of the Royal Festival Hall this Symphony Orchestra through one of the world's most demanding compositions - Gustav Mahler's Second

Symphony, The Resurrection.
Gilbert Kaplan, a 43-year-old American publisher whose previous three years of plano lessons as a small child, and playing the French ted the 90-minute symphony just four times before. It is the only piece in his repertoire, and he performs it from memory. In the words of the music critic of The New York Times: Mr Karlan has taken amateurism to a level almost beyond the

Karlan's impossible dream began the day he attended a rehearsal of The Resurrection, at Carnegie Hall. He was 23, already a successful Wall Street economist, working as assistant to the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange.

That night he was kept awake by snatches of Mahler's powerful symphony resounding through his brain. The next day he bought a ticket for the Sunday afternoon

weeping uncontrollably."
It was the start of a love affair as

passionate and enduring as any in literature. Wherever The Resurrection was playing he would go to hear

Even so, it was not until four years ago that his obsession reached

regarded as lunacy.

By now, Kaplan was a millionaire. the publisher and editor-in-chief of his own award-winning magazine, Institutional Investor, a happily married man with three children.

e had heard The Resurrection dozens of times and knew as much about it as anyone in the world, but it was not enough. Kaplan decided there was only one way to penetrate the core of Mahler's Second - to conduct it himself.

For more than a year his pipe-dream germinated. Every time I got my own enthusiasm up I would be cut down by somebody whose judgment I really trusted." The experts told him it was impossible. His friends told him he was mad, Finally his wife said to him: "If you're going to do it you might as well get started" - so he did.



Gilbert Kaplan: I would never conduct anything else. I just wanted to get inside this one piece'.

By now he had a plan. Rather than embark upon the entire 209page opus in one go he would break it down into 12 separate movements and test himself out on the first. "I decided that if I could learn all the conducting techniques required in that first movement - which is, after symphonies - I would go ahead with

He managed to find a young conductor prepared to help him. Charles Bornstein, now musical director of the Newfoundland spent the whole of August 1981 teaching Kaplan how to conduct, working nine hours a day, for 30 days without a break. Gilbert

Kaplan devoted himself to learning the intricate techniques required to master the first 22 minutes of The

Barely able to read music when he started, he decided that in order to demonstrate his credibility he would have to memorize the entire symphony - something that few professionals would attempt. "I felt that if I was going to fail I wanted to fail knowing I'd done everything I could," explains Kaplan.

By the end of August he had mastered the rudiments of conducting and memorized the first raovement of the symphony. He then hired the 119-piece American

After weeks of practising to recordings in his home, he was unprepared for the sheer magnitude raised his baton and prepared for his first much-rehearsed downbeat but when he reached the bottom of his stroke nothing happened Just silence, "My God", thought Kaplan, they're not going to play for me." Half a second later the sound came That was my first real lesson of

conducting," says Kaplan. "I hadn't realized that your heat becomes before the musicians play." orchestra laid down their instruments and applauded him. "It was obviously not for my conducting

skill", says Kaplan. "It was because they shared my enthusiasm for what I was trying to do."

For the next 12 months he spent at least six hours a day working on the symphony - three hours before he left for work in the morning another three when he got home atnight. Movement by movement be practised with the orchestra until he had memorized and rehearsed the complete symphony, a section at a

He travelled the world to attend all 15 performances of The Resurrec-tion held that year, in places as far apart as Australia and Amsterdam, Tokyo and Vienna, collaring every conductor who would give him advice. Fire flew to London to see Sir Georg Solri who spent two hours with him, playing the piano while Kaplan conducted. And, after a few months, he found that not only was the music profession taking him seriously but the conductors themselves were questioning him about how other orchestras handled the symphony.

"Before I decided to go ahead I received nothing but discourage ment", says Kaplan, "but once t committed myself to doing it I was committed myself to doing it I was adopted by a few people as a masseot." Even Charles Bornstein regarded him as his Eliza Dooktile. "He wanted to prove something to himself", says Kaplan. "A lot of people lived out their fantasies through what I was doing".

By the beginning of September 1982 he was ready to attempt the entire symphony without a score. He hired New York's Avery Fisher Hall. the American Symphony Orchestra and a 200-voice choir for his public debut timing it to coincide with the 15th anniversary celebrations of his magazine and the end of the International Monetary Fund meeting in Tosonto. His invited audience of 2,700 thus included the world's most powerful financiers - his magazine's most influential readers.

"When I walked out on to the podium that night. I was nervous", admits Kaplan, "but I felt that the audience and the orchestra and choir were more nervous than I was. looked out and I just saw all tiese frightened faces in front of me. Everybody identified in some way with what I was doing and if I had failed I think they would have failed

As the final notes of the Second Symptony died away that evening there was a deathly silence before the entire black-fied audience rose to their feet and gave Gilbert Kaplan a five-missute standing ovation. They

were applauding a man who had had the courage to risk his reputation to realize his dream. But they were also applauding a musician who, according to Newsweek, "conducted with a control and ardour that awed even [gil Woodward

some professionals".

The whole exercise had cost Gilbert Kaplan more than £100,000 and so far as he was concerned that was the end of it. But the musical world thought otherwise.

American Symphony Orchestra invited him to conduct them again at Carnegie Hall, a guest performance in Japan followed and now Gilbert Kaplan is in Britain, at the invitation of the London Symphony Orchestra, to lead them through The Resurrection on Sunday at the Royal Festival Hall. "It takes a lot of courage for an orchestra to invite me", says Kaplan. "There are so many professional conductors avail-

He recently bought, for an undisclosed sum, Gustav Mahler's original handwritten score of The Resurrection which he feels has given him a further insight into the

"I don't consider myself to be a ofessional conductor at all", says Kaplan, "but I do feel that musicians know that I love this piece of music.

"One of life's tragedies is that so few people are willing to take the risk of finding out if they can pursue their dreams – let alone actually pursuing them."

After performing in Tokyo earlier this year he decided to sell his magazine. "I was beginning to question the wisdom of having so regarded as less than the time an owner should devote to his company. I decided I had to make a choice." He sold the publication, which he started with \$150,000 of investors' money for \$70 million but

In retrospect, be admits that setting out to conduct The Resurrection from nothing was insene. "I would certainly never have attempted it if I had known then what I know now", he says.

he remains editor-in-chief.

"I would never conduct anything etse. I'm not trying to prove I can climb Everest. I just wanted to get inside this one piece of music that I love and I thought I might be able to express what I felt about the music when I conducted it. "Now I don't think I can get any

The heartland of quiet decency . . . or the capital of smug mediocrity. Alan Franks visits Southgate as voters and parties prepare for Thursday's by-election

The soul of Southgate is a tricky thing to find during the day, for wedges around London, the the simple reason that it has gone to London. It will filter from the story of the track. back again in the early evening along the Piccadilly line to Cockfosters or the Moorgate out from the shops during the overground to Winchmore Hill. e two great conduits of middle-class commuterdom.

For Southeate proper, which is but one part of the paliamen-Southgate, this is the age of the Tube. Every few minutes the trains come crashing out into орел somewhere Arnos Grove, having burrowed

Suddenly they assume the air caderground train on to a fresh countant, est 1920. green patchwork of open

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Out in the wild

story of the place is indivisible As the line advanced, so the

housing developments fanned two great building waves in the three-bedroom semis striding blamelessly over the undulations of Palmers Green and Oakwood Park and glancing back at the politely distant skyline of the City. The uniform architecture of

the stations tooks IMPOSSIDIV between Bounds Green and dated now. The brick rotundas with their funny bobbles on top with the minimum delay dot their way up the map at beneath the north London regular intervals - icons to the sprawl between King's Cross force that made this brand of suburbia possible. Clustered in the lea are the

of country transport, winding usual crowd - the NatWest, glong like silver snail trails Liberty Cleaners, the news-By the time you get to Wine Bar. Just A second Cakwood, there is this peculiar (cocktail and party dresses £1,99), sequin skirts £1,99). Hector Macdonald, turf ac-

Depending on your point of view, you are standing in the

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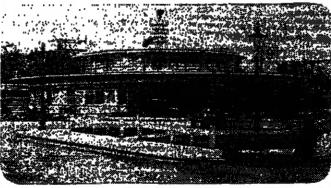
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Gateway to suburbia



the capital of smug mediocrity. It seems incongrous that this

place should now be the focus such attention. The only thing that makes sense about it all is that, on one level, the by-election is not about Southgate at all, but about the succession to a man killed by the IRA average. spectrum of eccentric candidates. The raised deposit level will become law in May or

This is safe Tory terrain, with a low unemployment rate of around 8 per cent, and owneroccupation in more than 75 per cent of homes.

The taxi driver puts it thus: "Course, now we've got all the Greeks and Pakkies coming in. Personally, I'd send them straight back home, although I know you can't do that really. I As with many revised con-blame it all on, not Winnie stituencies, there is something Churchill. you know, that other rather artificial about the geezer, yes. Attlee, that's the fellow, for getting them all over in the first place to do the jobs, the road-building and that".

What's all this about a racial problem? In Southgate? Surely not. The 1981 census revealed 1,719 Irish, 705 West Indians,

Theatres are more and more

dominated by the radio mike, a

small device which enables your

readers' letters shows.

From Jack Pierrepoint

heartland of quiet decency or Commonwealth", and 4,032 from elsewhere. In a constituency with an

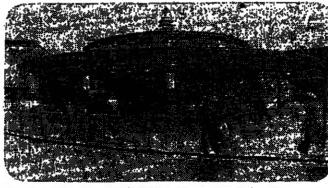
electorate of 66,644, this does not sound like great influx. Indeed, the immigration population is now reckoned to stand at 20 per cent, again considerably lower than the London Even in Winchmore Hill, at

nightmare stories of the kind you normally associate with a high-rise borough in the East End - families without one habitable room during repair work, rotting sills, holes in the floorboards, and shoddy wiring.

But, with the council sector accounting for only 10 per cent, it is the mortgage rate rather than the renovation programme which will weigh on the soul of Southgate as it casts its vote on Thursday.

which is essentially the old scat of Southgate, with bits of the defunct Enfield West.

Today, the actual borough of Enfield takes in three parlia-mentary constituencies, Enfield North, Edmonton and Enfield Southgate. It that leaves you 1.595 from the Indian sub-con-tinent. 7.286 "other New confused, you are in good local



Metroland: Southgate station in 1933 and today. The story of the place is indivisible from the track' Mer "No, it's the other way

company. Up in Chase Side. round." where you seldom see a registration earlier than X, a middle-aged couple explains. First she: They're local elections, and... Southgate.

Me: "You're wrong, dear."

She: "That grass verge is in Barnet, but the kerb is in Enfield."

should be an election, says one man in his late seventies, strolling by the golf club in Trent Park. "It used to be that

when an MP got killed in action Despite the appearance of the political big-wigs during the past fortnight (Lawson, Reseltine, Kinnock, Hattersley, Steel, Owen and many more), the fact

remains that when you say you are off to Southgate, the reaction is a blank face which says: "Where?" what, and gate to where? If one shut down by the council. may invert Peter Sellers' observations on Bal-ham, Southgate

Enfield Chase.

parishes were given portions to through their parents' inability compensate them for the loss of to meet the costs of tuition. cent) of pensioners in the common rights, although today constituency, the manner of Sir the words Enfield Chase mean

Anthony Berry's death has between Gordon Hill and quickened many a wartime Grange Park.

But, to return to today's "I think it's a shame there Southgate, education is high in the minds of the voters. First, 7 there is a helf of rumpus about the merger of two schools on account of falling rolls, third. there is clear evidence of Enfield broke into their own science laboratory and stole

Further, there is a good deal of local anger that one of the clinics dealing with the rehabili-And why Southgate? South of tation of glue-sniffers has been

tress complained publicly that is a gateway to the north, or at because of the proposed cuts in least that great 8,000-acre strip student grants, many girls who of deer-hunting land called had the makings of excellent academics were unable to

When the Chase was defor-attend university and were ested in 1777, the neighbouring being forced into menial jobs No, all is not as it appears in Southeate.

bomb in Brighton on October Campaigning for the seat held by Brighton bomb victim Sir Anthony Berry Tomorrow 12. It will also be one of the last the council homes in Carpenter elections to attract the full Gardens, there have

No one – not even the opposition – is disputing the assumption that Michael assumption that Michael Portillo the 31-year-old Conservative candidate, is the natural heir apparent to the late Six Anthony Berry. As special political adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Nigel Lawson, he stands squarely in the mainstream of the brilliant young things of the Tory Party. Educated at Harrow County School for Boys, and with a first-class history degree from Peterhouse, Cambridge, he has landed a plum constituency with a June 1983 majority of 15,799.

The Liberal/SDP Alliance cardidate Tim Slack, 54, belying his sumame, has been pounding the pavements with remorseless energy since his remorseless energy since his selection II days ago. He is a former headmaster of the progressive private school



Michael Portillo, left, Tory heir apparent, Labour's Peter Hamid,

Bedales, where Princess Mar-garet's children were educated.

She "No. it's not."

At least they do row in

proportion (more than 20 per

Me: "Yes, it is."

centre, and the Alliance's Tim Slack

and is looking to repeat his home town performance at Petersfield in the 1974 general election when he recorded the third highest swing with an increase from 7,000 to 21,000 He could be upstaged by

miserable. Not by the noise of

the planes, though No, the

aid, over which I keep getting messages like "Please extinguish

all cigarettes and return to your

Now, here's the extraordinary

thing. The other day I, was so

Good morning, everyone, this

is Captain Grimsby welcoming

you aboard this flight to New

York." I said furiously: "And

this is me telling you to return

it or not, a big jumbo flying overhead actually turned round and went straight back. You can't imagine the fun I now

have giving planes orders. Yesterday I told the passengers on a Boeing 747 that on this flight all the duty-free articles

would be given away free, first

come, first served.

fed up that when a voice said:

Peter Hamid, Enfield's first black councillor. He is seeking to bring "Hidden Southgate" to the fore, and has made a name for himself by getting in the hair of Enfield's 47-19 Tery majority. He jibes at the term "gadfly" as being too frivolous but has deficited in explanation the

authority by such means as leaking to the public news of an impending freeze on home reveneut grants

His latest act of embarrass-ment is another leak, that the council's social services department is about to close Banstead House in Surrey.

CANDIDATES

M Portillo (C)
T Stack (L)
W F Hamid (Lab)
G Weiss (Captain Rainbow's Universal
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J W Kersham (Nationalist)
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Sir Anthony Berry (C)
D Worgan (L)
MS M Honeyhelf (Lab)
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moreover...

voice (and any taxi cab in the area) to be heard throughout the then a slab of Shakespeare very well, thank you, so it's theatre. On one of the first comes as an eye-opener. I am nights of Starlight Express, it is now a rabid theatre-goer and piquant stories are told about way. radio mikes, as this selection of

Sir. I am a London cabbie on a small radio link with South London, so I was very surprised the West End. It's well out of

Well, to cut a log story short. would call a literary gent, so it I was out of a job shortly after was all new to me and, I may and remembering what I'd say, a revelation. If all you hear heard, I decided to start a oneall day long is "Jack, get over to man cab firm in Streatham. I Sir, I live near Heathrow, so as Putney Bridge, would you?" now own six cars and am doing you can imagine my life is made

Miles Kington

reported, the cast were neutra- have switched to driving in the lized for half the show by the day-time so I can go to the BBC TV van outside and could theatre in the evening. The new make no noise. But other, more Dario Fo is very good, by the

From Quemin Lark Sir, I am a West End actor, though normally its bits of TV scrials, you know how things are. Not long ago I was in a Shaftesbury Avenue production the other month to get voices when we started getting taxi calls coming through my intercom in coming through on the radio mikes. These days you learn to range there, see. Anyway, I take it in your stride, but I started listening and I soon couldn't help noticing that half realized that I had tured in to the calls came from Speatham some play in Shaftesbury and that they couldn't find enough taxis to go there. Now, I am not what you

goodbye to acting. From Inspector Millmoss of the

Sir, I was recently called out to a most omusual case, in a meat freezing depot. The night watchman had heard voices coming from one of the biggest freezers. When he got there, we could hear someone calling to Heathrow because you've got "Out!" or something a bomb aboard." Well, believe similar.

Now, here's the funny thing. When we opened the electronically-controlled doors there was nobody mside. In some strange way the electrical apparatus was picking up a nearby production of Macbeth. So may I urge everyone not to use sophisticated electronics in the vicinity of a production of Macbeth.

From Mr J. Keith From Mrs Kate Wheatley Sir, my pacemaker receives the Sir, I live near Heathrow, so as pirate station, Laser Radio, Is

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FRIDAY PAGE

Ian Woodward talks to the barefoot ragamuffin with star quality who shuns the limelight

Why Greta could be another Garbo

Garbo". All sorts of names have been given to this self-assured daughter of an Italian painter father and an English mother since she won international acclaim last year as the errant memsahib Olivia in the film

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And certainly she seems to be one of the most exciting young actresses to emerge in Britain for a decade.

She is only just 24 and there seems no stopping her. On Sunday she co-stars with Laurence Olivier on independent television in The Ebony Tower, two days later American viewers will see her as the tragic heroine in the film Camille, which has its British première in the New Year, and Channel 4 is soon to screen her six-part Australian series, Water-

The comparisons with double Oscar-winner Glenda Jackson are particularly apt. Both actresses have a reluctance to act "the star" in public, an almost heightened fastidiousness over the roles they accept, an abhorrence of make-up other than when a camera is whirring, a predilection for wearing clothes that border on the tatty, and the use of a sharp, abrasive tongue echoing a nononsense personality.

As with the star of Women in Love and A Touch of Class, there are few grey areas in the personality profile of Miss Scaechi. Either you like her or you don't, but the vibrations she sends out guarantee she will never be

She was born in Milan and fived there until she was six. When her parents separated she was raised in Sussex and at 15 left with her mother, university professor stepfather for Australia, returning two years later to study at the Bristol Old Vic.

When I was about eight years old I happened to mention to my father that I wanted to be an actress and he gave me a wallop in the face", she reflects, still wincing at the memory.

"He said, "Whatever you do, don't be an actress'. He is very cosmopolitan, my father, but when it comes to me, he is very medieval, very Italian."

Our rendezvous is the tea lounge of London hotel just a day before her departure for the United States. In America, chaperoned by an older brother, she will meet film and television producers and embark on a round of publicity interviews before the airing of Camille. As she pours tea she flits from fiery Latin outbursts to moments of genteel English secretive-

She talks ecstatically about Alexandre Dumas' legendary Marguerite Gautier, the poor farm girl who becomes one of the most dazzling courtesans in Paris, a role immorta-



Girl next door look: Greta in The Ebony Tower

lized on the screen nearly half a century earlier by Garbo. Along with Colin Firth, Ben Kingsley, Billie Whitelaw and John Gielgud, she completed the filming in and around Paris earlier this year...

"It was terrifying to begin with to find that anybody I mentioned Camille to immediately went on about Greta Garbo's 'amazing performance"," the new Gretz explained, lighting yet another cigarette.

"Actually, I'd never seen Garbo's version until two days ago, when it was screened for me, and ever since then I've been in a state of shock. What she did in the film, you see, was so wonderful, bringing to the role so much more variety, so much more colour, than I think I could bring to my own interpretation."

Greta, who filmed The Coca-Cola Kid ("I can't stand the stuff") in. Australia earlier this year, and then went straight into the television film adaptation of Graham Greene's Di Fischer of Geneva, shot in Switzerland with Alan Bates and James Mason, is obsessive about the correct pronunciation of both her names.

It is "Gretta", not "Greeta", and the stumbling block - "Ska-kee", never "Scatchy".

We are suddenly joined by a tall, the street successive from the series a small rucksack. That's Colin", says Greta. "Colin Firth - my Armand in Camille. He's come to meet me here. We're going out

Her boyfriend? She smiles ambi-She is sensitive about personal

relationships at the moment, explaining: "In the past three years I've not been in one place long enough to forge close friendships. The people I've closest to are the people I've worked with for two or three months.

"It's all very unsatisfactory. I need to organize my life in another way. My career has been going much faster than my private life, and it's no good;

it's very unsettling.

"At the moment happiness to me would be to be able to see my friends and give them the attention I want to because I feel very unfulfilled in that

life is a disaster in that area. It doesn't seem to be working out for me. Boyfriends? God, it's a big problem for me. For years I've watched some very famous actresses going through several marriages and, in a way, I can now see why, because divorce is an occupational hazard for an actress."

When Granada TV's steamy film of John Fowles' novella, The Ebony Tower, is shown on the independent network - it concerns exiled English painter Olivier and two girls in a menage à trois - attention will inevitably focus on the nucle scenes of Gretz and Toyah Wilcox at a picnic in the Dordogne with Olivier.

When the film was made deep in the French countryside last amoun Toyah admitted that the prospect of the nude scenes gave her nightmares, and she vowed she would never do a nude scene again in a hurry:

But Greta says crisply: "I'don't see Everybody is so different about these things and an awful lot of it is to do with upbringing. People have com-plexes. But I find that nudity as a concept is not something I am afraid

"I don't find it obscene. I don't see hy I should be ashamed about letting people see me with my clothes off, because we're all the same underneath. We all have the same

She gives a wry little laugh, which does not go unnoticed among other hotel guests close by. "I think", she says, "nudity is always easier if there

As for her appearance on film and the face she sees in a mirror, she laments: "Oh God. I see bags under my eyes, which is something I've inherited from my father. It's a problem when you're filming.

"Half-way through the production there is always a day when there is a lot of tension. The lighting cam-eraman is having a bit of difficulty with what he sees staring at him lems, and suddenly a messengercomes across and says, 'You really should go to bed earlier'.

very wide and not at all the same street. Twice in one month I had to



Star image: Greta as Marguerite in Camille

shape as other people's feet. Consequently, I dress like a ragamuffin not because I choose to, not because I find it a particularly endearing image, but because when I go out to buy myself a dress, something elegant, the dress goes out of fashion before I can find shoes to go with it.

"It's the same problem when I'm acting. I wear tennis shoes the whole time, or else go around in my bare feet. When I do have to be squeezed into shoes for an acting role, there's a pain I feel continually."

She answers a Tannoy call and on her return exclaims: "One thing about this career, people always know where you are. This summer I decided I really needed a holiday, I really needed to go back to Italy, which I was missing a lot and because my Italian was deteriorating badly.

"So I decided to go to one of the most secluded spots. I could find. miles from any airport, and where trains to the airport aren't direct.

"Twice in one month I got tracked "And my feet - they're very big and down through the grocer down the come back to London for a costumefitting. You just can't get away."

Thus the price of fame for an actress who, since leaving drama school less than four years ago, has played only leading roles in every-thing with which she has been associated - including an episode of Bergerac.

So far she has resisted- the enticements of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the cheque books of Hollywood producers: "All I've ever wanted to do is work that inspires me, and nothing that I've been offered from America has ever inspired me."

But maybe, on her present vist to the United States, all that is about to

"I must get closer to myself and discover who I am_I'm not happy just to be an empty shell which I fill with a character that I am acting at a certain time. I want to be myself.

"if I can't achieve that, then I'll have to seriously consider doing another job. But I'm willing to give it

Selecting students by fairest means

From the Rector, Lord Crowther-Hunt, Exeter College, Oxford. As chairman of the Management Committee of the Oxford Colleges Admissions Office I

should like to correct a major error of fact in Amenda Craig's article on Oxbridge admissions (November 20).

It is not true that under our new admissions system, which starts in 1985 (for entry in 1986 and later), that Oxford "is taking only candidates in the fourth term of the sixth form". We shall continue to welcome post-A level as well as pre-A level candidates. The main change here will be that the traditional written entrance examination will be restricted to pre-A level candidates only. This is to avoid any suspicion that unfair advantage in this form of examination may be gained by post-A level candi-

Nor do we believe that by restricting this form of examin-ation to pre-A level candidates it will "throw much more emphasis on the interview as candidates are less prepared for the sort of questions posed by the entrance examination". The subject matter covered in the different papers in this examination is being revised by subject committees (which loclades practising schoolteachers) to ensure that papers are appropriof the nixth form,

Post-A level candidates will in future have to seek entry by a different method (Mode N). This consists of an extended interview - but it will be supplemented by knowledge of

Help's at hand

Rugby.

In Jeannette Kupfermann's informative article, The Family Fights Back, about marriage and divorce, she gave the impression that there was very little help in this country for families with marriage prob-

TALKBACK

and a report from the school. It may be still further supplemented by a specimen of the candidate's written work and by a written test.

Pre-A level candidates may also seek entry by Mode N if they prefer to do so. Successful pre-A level applicants by this mode will then receive a conditional offer based on

realistic A level grades. In short - the aim of the new system is to enable colleges to uates in the fairest possible way irrespective of school, sex or parental background.

From Dr Mary Beard and D. Susan Owens, Newnham Colleec. Cambridec.

In 2 few weeks' time we shall be among those interviewing candi-dates for admission to Newnlam Cellege, Cambridge. dates who stay on for a seventh May we reassure our applicants that they will encounter few of the stereotypes so archly classi-fied by Amanda Craig.

Our object is always to allow interviewees to show themselves to best advantage in the relatively short time available an aim which would be entirely frastrated by the intimidatory tactics described in Ms Craig's article. We will not conduct an inquisition, nor attempt to display our own artfulness by revealing the candidates' ignorance, nor give preferential treatment to the daughters of old members.

Amanda Craig presents a Brideshead image of Oxbridge, entirely populated by eccentric (male) dons. This is tendentious and in our view misleading.

From Zelda West-Meads, Counsellor and spokeswoman for the National Marriage Guidance Council, Herbert Gray College,

In fact, the National Marriage Guidance Conneil provides with 400 centres in which 1.700 counsellors see more than 40,000 new cases each year. In addition to that we are constantly expanding our services because at least double that number are seeking our help. We see people who are

married, single, separated or divorced with personal problems. While our main task is to help people understand why and help them overcome these problems, we also recognize that not all marriages are viable. In

and their children.

Additionally, our counsellors work with young people in schools and colleges preparing them for parenthood and family life, and provide support groups for a wide range of people ranging from parents of bandi-capped children, prisoners, people facing unemployment.

From Gwynn Davis, Department of Social Administration, University of Bristol, 22 Berkeley Square, Bristol.

am quoted by Jeannette Kupfermann (The family fights back, November 28) as saying: We have no hard evidence about the long-term success of But the evidence from our

recent survey of "consumers" of conciliation, carried out in Bristol and Bromley, indicates that for some families conciliation does indeed have longterm benefits in terms of enduring access arrangements Ms Kupfermann is also

these cases we help people the Bristol Courts Family through their divorce, thus Conciliation Service is run by reducing damage to themselves solicitors.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Sweat more sweetly ...



ing hyperhidronot only ruins patients clothing their destroys composure - doctors

have even heard it advanced as a reason for avoiding marriage. gets about his condition, the more he sweats.

In close communities it can cause extreme embarrassment.

Sweating is part of the body's heat control system. There are two types of sweat glands: the glands, secreting the clear fluid which on hot days shows as beads of sweat on the forehead or trickles down the back; and the apocrine glands of the armpits and groin, producing thicker fluid which, when broken down by skin bacteria, gives each body a distinctive scent (excessive smell is known as bromhidrosis).

In this week's Mims maga-zine, Dr Andrew Pembroke, of King's College Hospital, London, reviews recent advances in the treatment of hyperhidrosis. Aluminium salts found in most anti-perspirants remain the first line of attack. A new formula of aluminium chloride in 20 per cent alcohol, marketed as Anhidrol forte, or Driclor, is reasonably effective. It should be used at nights, but as it is an irritant the armpits should not be shaved or washed immediaucly before. It is used daily at first, but as the condition improves, twice a week will be

Hands and feet are better treated by using an electrical chemical present in meat.



gadget to pass anticholinergic (drying agents) into the sweat

glands. A solution of glycopyr-ronium bromide, Robinul, is

widely prescribed, although it.

has recently been shown that

the process, iontophoresis, is

almost as effective when tap

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If local medical measures are

designed for home use.

the hands or feet.

Teddy bears' disease is no picnic

would be a melancholy affair as an epidemic of chlamydia psittaci is wreaking havoc among koala bears. This organ-

In the recent outbreak the organism has reportedly been lated from koals bears' eyes and genital tracts, which raises the possibility that the disease have spread through activities not usually considered

Psittacosis, often caught by umans from domestic birds, is Travelling tissue

> British women from endometriosis. It is frequently painful and can result in infer-

tility; but it is not a well-known condition and the patient's suffering remains unappreciated.

inadequate, surgery may be necessary: either excision of the Endometriosis is the developarmpit skin, or cutting of the ment of the womb lining, or endometrium, in other parts of sympathetic nerves leading to the body, usually but not always the pelvic organs. When these It is more difficult to control patches of stray uterine tissue excess body odour, although efforts shold be made to reduce swell with the normal monthly cycle, the bleeding at mensuruskin bacteria with antiseptic ation is not only painful, but all soaps and lotions. Dr Pembroke too apparent if the bladder, does have a word of cheer for

people who suffer the disastrous social handicap of smelling of rotten fish. Recent research sis is difficult. Its symptoms shows that this is caused by an inborn metabolic error which results in excessive excretion of polvic inflammatory disease trimethylamine in the sweat, with which it sometimes co-This condition can be eased by exists, striking as it does a taking a diet low in choline, a similar group of women.

rectum or navel is involved. The diagnosis of endometriomimic so many other diseases. and it is often confused with

The reason why uterine tissue

The picture gallery good food guide



Professor Michael Crawford, the nutritionist, is rapidly becoming an expert in the historical and still-life paintings of the last few centuries; but he is less concerned with the artistic quality of the pictures than with the food portrayed on tables and plates. Because it is no longer possible to analyse the actual food of an earlier age, he says we should study pictures and assess the differences in diet which have occurred over the past 150 years.
Although painters had a public relations duty to perform for their patrons, pictures do give an accurate idea of the quality of the diel – even if not the quantity. Professor Crawford has noticed

that until the second half of the 19th century food was mainly derived from the wild. In his opinion this is eminently suitable for the human race, which is only 150 generations away from being a variety of wild animal itself. Professor Crawford contrasts the lean meat of

game, wild boar, fish, swan and primitively raised poultry and farmstock in the pictures with the 25 per cent fat of the Grade IV carcasses he saw hanging in the Smithfield Show this week. Not only was there less fat in the meat, but when eaten it was accompanied by large helpings of fruit, including exotic fruits, and nuts, but with very few berries. It was then washed down with wine, which in small quantities has a beneficial effect on fat metabolism.

chiamydis are more important to medicine. They cause a prevalent sexually transmitted disease, non-specific urethritis sually gives rise, in birds, (NSU), in women more accurately described as non-specific genital infection. respiratory tract infection.

The symptoms can be devastating in the long term, damaging the fallopian tubes and rule is that all contacts of men with NSU are treated, and doctors treating pelvic inflam-matory disease assume that nursery bears' whatever other organisms are known to be present, chlamydia is there too.

> should migrate is unknown. It is suggested that menstrual blood containing endometrial cells may be passed upwards through the fallopian tubes and so spil into the pelvic cavity. In other cases it is thought that the cells are carried in the lymphatic or blood system, explaining why distant deposits are found in the lungs and kidneys. Some pathologists suggest an embryologi-cal cause. Primitive embryonic cells persist, but only differen-

influence in early adult life. During pregnancy the disease regresses. It therefore seemed a logical treatment to prescribe hormones, like oestrogen and progesterone, similar to those in the contraceptive pill, which produces a pseudo-pregnancy.

Doctors soon found that strogen was unnecessary and better results were obtained with progesterone alone. Results are good, but side effects are common and future preg nancy unlikely.

More recently other preparations, Danazol (taken by mouth) and Buserelin (a nasal spray hormone mixture) have been used. Danazol is a steroid with androgenic features; it is anti-progesterone, anti-oestrogen. The patient soon feels better, and although there are tiresome side effects they are not usually serious. After a year or so the disease often regresses and pregnancy - in up to 50 per cent of the cases when endome triois has been responsible for infartility - becomes possible.
In older women, or in very

inducing a sudden early menopause, brings with it its own oroblems. Dr Thomas Stuttaford

resistant patients, surgery for

removal of the ovaries may be cessary, but this treatment

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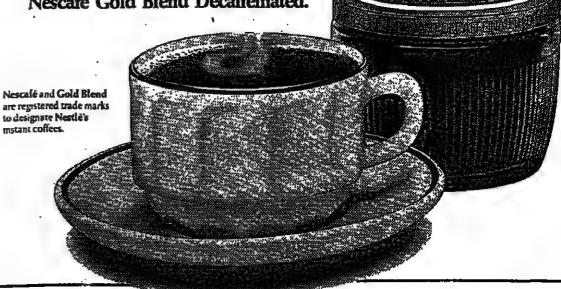
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Remote islands

Those who hoped next week's select committee report on the future of the Falklands might lead to a softening of Britain's hardline attitude will be bitterly disapallitude pointed, Indeed, although spending on Fortress Falklands is currently some £2 million a day, the report is. I'm told, more hardline than ever. The Argentines' legal claim to the islands has been undermined by their resort to arms, it will say, Our government is "prudent" to oppose talks on sovereignty, should resist the temptation to do a deal, however high the present costs, and to strike a deal simply to reinforce the stability of President Alfonsin's democratic government would be an "extremely risky" gamble according to the report. Alfonsin, it continues, has adopted the same stance as his predecessors. This makes the prospeets of an early settlement of the sovereignty question "remote", and if the Argentines insist on discussing it, it will hinder progress on other fronts the committee concludes. The passage of time has done nothing to essen hostility; quite the opposite. The general election scuppered a draft report prepared by the first, less Tory-dominated select committee, which apparently suggested sovereignty should be discussed and that leaseback was the least unpalat-

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Sequestrators Price Waterhouse have written trade unions asking for details of money given to the NUM, and demanding that future loans or donations be paid to them instead. They have been nothing if not thorough. Recipients include the general secretaries of the Scottish, Irish, English and Welsh police federations. This faux pas is matched only by Fife Regional Council, which has inserted notices into staff pay packets requesting contributions for the miners' welfare fund. The council's 650 employees in the police force are not, I am told, amused.

Thorny problem

Sir Keith Joseph would perhaps arouse less anger if he cut the grants of undergraduates at St Anne's College. Oxford. They have just voted to name a room in the college after one of its better-known old girls. Dr Rose Dugdale, the Republi-can activist jailed for seven years for her part in an £8 million art robbery and an abortive IRA helicopter bombing raid. The suggestion horrifies St Anne's new barrister principal. Professor Claire Palley. who had first-hand experience of terrorism when teaching in Cyrus, Zimbabwe and Belfast. She has been ir ing to reason with her students. T would not wish to be party to conferring honours of this kind", she

Bloodless

Is Labour about to indulge in a fresh hour of bloodletting? Its appeals and mediation committee has approved Roy Hattersley's resolution, to be debated by the national executive next Wednesday, that another investigation be conducted into the activities of Militant supporters within the party. The result may be predictable. For the first time Labour's 1985 diary carries the Register of Non-Affiliated Organisations - an approved list set up in 1482 as a fortuous way of showing that Militant was not, and is not,

BARRY FANTONI



At the third stroke, a BT share will

Booked

Lee lacocca, the American who atcered Chrysler from near bankruptey to bouyant success, wants to tell his story to the British. He's having difficulty. The printers of his autobiography have called in the receiver, and publishers, Sidgwick have so far failed to persuade him that the book would do for business what lacocca did for Chrysler.

Advance warning

That Sir John Nott sailed with such comparative case through his interrogation by the Foreign Affairs select committee is hardly surprising he had seen the questions in advance. These were prepared by Tam Dalyell, who is not on the committee, and passed to his Labour colleague Denis Canavan, who is. In the process, Dalyell unfortunately left a duplicate on a House of Commons photocopier. "I thought would ask me that?" thought you'd ask me that," announced Sir John smugly halfway through a "surprise" Canavan question on whether the Belgrano carried exocets. "You see leaks happen both ways."

Unite to back Jordan's peace

The superpowers' approach to the Middle East has often been ambiguous and their policies inconsistent. Hard experience has taught us that a single peace mediator, albeit a superpower with considerable leverage of pressure on Israel, has not induced the desired result.

From about the mid-1970s the United States assumed the role of peace-broker between the Arab states and Israel to the exclusion of others. The abandonment of the joint approach with the Soviet Union, which characterized the first phase of peacemaking at the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference after the war of 1973, marked a turning point for American power and influence in the region. Rather than consolidating that position, however, successive setbacks have eroded the United States' position.

In his September 1982 peace initiative (which I welcomed and attempted to promote for a full 18 months), President Reagan spoke of the immediate adoption of a settlement freeze by Israel to facilitate the peace process, Israel was contemptuous in its rejection of this initiative and the construction of new settlements continues

We awaited the American reaction, When it came, it was a shock. Israel was to receive more aid than ever before, while we were denied the sale of weapons essential to our by King Husain

national security. More recently, American funds have been rushed to prop up Israel's ailing ecomomy while some Israeli leaders call for the forcible mass expulsion of the Arab population of Israel and the occupied

Recent attempts at promoting peace in our region have shown a marked neglect of the aspirations of the people directly concerned. We believe the integrity of the people under occupation must be protected, and the status of their land safeguarded.

To this end we have launched a determined diplomatic drive to break the current impasse. It is an earnest attempt to create a situation in which Jordan, along with its Palestinian and other Arab partners, can breathe new life into the moribund peace process. While our commitment to the principles enunciated by United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 remains unshakeable, we have called for an international peace conference with the participation of all parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Oranisa-tion and the five permanent members of the Security Council.

My country has long been committed to peace and security in the Middle East, We have supported lraq against Iranian

aggression. We continue to respect the Arab decision to designate the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. We are conducting serious discussions with the PLO to define the basic requirements of peacemaking, including the establishment of a confederal union between Jordan, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

We have recently restored diplomatic relations with Egypt. Some see this as part of a concerted effort by the US to revive the moribund Reagan peace initiative of 1982, but Israel rejects outright the terms of this initiative. Others have described the measure as an attempt to form a bloc, an axis, to check the growing influence of other Arab states. Let me state categorically that nothing could be further from the truth.

Our decision is the result of a general conviction that since Egypt is a vital part of the Arab world, and with Egypt's unstinting contributions to Arab causes under its present leadership, the time had come to restore our relations and fullest cooperation, to adequately face our common destiny. Egypt's reunification with its Arab family will reinforce the stability of the region and strengthen the responsible Arab constituency. We want peace, but it has to be a stable peace. We want a settlement, but it must be a comprehensive one.

Extracted from a speech delivered yesterday at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence studies.

Stephen Aris looks at the unwelcome changes in store for a proud breed

Thatcher trim the pilots' sails?

Trinity House, the ancient body which has for more than 450 years supervised approaches to Britain's shores, will soon have to face the biggest shake-up in its long and distinguished history. Along with 39 other pilotage

authorities around the country. Trinity House provides the back-up service which enables Britain's 1,373 working pilots to guide ships of all shapes, sizes and nationalities safely into harbour. It is a job of which the pilots themselves are intensely proud and fiercely protective. But shipowners who have to foot the £43m annual bill say that this service is too expensive, over-manned and often unnecessary.

The Government has its own

interest. Not only is it keen to keep British ports attractive to international shipping, but it sees in the archaic customs and practices of the pilots a ripe target for deregulation. In the next two weeks the transport secretary. Nicholas Ridley.

is to produce his department's proposals in a Green Paper. There is intensive interest in Whitehall as to what form these will take. Earlier this year it was expected that Ridley. one of the Government's most ardent advocates of deregulation, would advance swingeing changes. But faced with both the daunting complexities of the pilotage business and the Prime Minister's reluctance to fight another major battle during the miners' strike, it is thought that he may now be more cautious.

Two Cabinet committees, chaired by Minister without Portfolio Lord Young, are examining the whole area of deregulation and competition policy in the run-up to the spring budget. But as Mr Ridley is already discovering through the reception to his Bill on buses, deregulation has few immediate political attractions. In tackling the pilots he risks antagonising a highly vocal group of mainly Conservative supporters.

The pilot's job is essential and responsible. He is the man with expert local knowledge who guides all ships, apart from local vessels under 3,500 tons, into harbour, and if anything the state of the if anything goes wrong, it is usually the pilot who carries the can Experienced pilots with 20 years' service cart count on the fingers of one hand the times a master has questioned their decision.

While the nation was gripped this week by the student grants issue another educational problem, equally important to a larger

number of people, was smouldering

away in committee rooms - the collapse of teachers' salary structure

talks. It will lead to months, maybe

years, of discontent, possible strikes

in schools and even disruption of

The announcement by the largest

teaching union, the National Union

of Teachers, that it was using its dominant position to kill off the Salary Structure Working Party hardly sounded the stuff of which

crises are made. But there is only

one possible outcome: industrial

dead, the sole avenue for pay negotiations is through the Burnham

Committee. On past form, teachers

have not done particularly well

through this mechanism. Nor did

they do any better last summer when

they sought arbitration and squeezed

out an extra 0.6 per cent after several

weeks of industrial action.

This is why the other teachers

unions were so perplexed by the

NUT's precipitate action against the

working party, taken before nego-

tiations on employers' proposals had even begun. They felt that the only

way to get a decent pay rise was as a quid pro quo for a teachers' contract

with new duties and responsibilities.

lished last month after three years of

preliminary negotiation in the

working party, would have benefited

The proposals for reform, pub-

Now that the working party is

paints an accurate portrait: Afloat, he's on firm ground: it is his decision low best to ride the tides with deft precision: Honest in his craft, and proud of his ability. The Pilot does not know - or show - humility.

For centuries pilots have been almost literally a law unto them-selves, and it was only in 1913 that they were subject to any regulation at all. Even now they remain proudly self-employed with average carnings of some £20,000 a year. But over the years they have become enmeshed in a web of legislation and by-laws administered by a small army of bureaucrats that the best brains in Whitehall are finding hard

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to untangle. The administration of pilotage delies belief", says Stuart Conacher of the General Council of British Shipping, the shipowners' trade association. "There are 88 pilotage districts and 40 pilotage authorities.

each with their own set of by-laws. regulations and scale of charges". What makes the situation even more complex is that responsibility

Most pilots are old merchant scamen up from the ranks, and as a body are tough, disciplined and dedicated to their craft. They are for pilotage does not rest with the pilotage authority. Trinity House, for example, merely provides the boats and the shore stations from also often very awkward and which the pilots work. The ports, the argumentative, as shipowners and the Government have discovered. A shipowners and in some cases the local authority also have a finger in the nie. On ton of the whole edifice sits a quango in the shape of the Pilotage Commission, created in 1980 and which so far, through no fault of its own, has made little

DROPPING THE PILOT.

progress in sorting out the mess. The shipowners acknowledge the need for the service, but at the same time complain loudly about bearing the cost of a service which, they argue, is lavishly overstaffed, and which has failed to change with the times, "Over the last 20 years", says John Callen, chairman of the Pilotage Commission, "there have been dramatic changes in the business: a drastic decline in English merchant shipping, the growth of North Sea oil, containerization and a closer alignment of the UK with the Common Market, But while the ports have adjusted to these changes, the pilots have not."

An examination of the official statistics tend to support the shipowners' contention that in many ports pilots are under-worked and overpaid. Last year, for example, each of the 53 Southampton pilots. whose net earnings were £19,994 apiece, did an average of 2.9 jobs a week while the three pilots at the Scottish port of Peterhead handled 50 ships apiece a week for an annual salary of £23,279.

The pilots do not dispute these figures, and agree that they are comparatively well paid. "But", says Neil Walker, chairman of the UK Pilots Association, "if you want a Rolls-Royce service you have got to pay for it. Each of my jobs takes me time, and I'm on call 24 hours a

Both pilots and shipowners agree that there is scope for rationaliza-tion, and that in the process several hundred pilots may have to hang up their oilskins. The real question is: how many and at what cost? Two years ago the merchant bankers Samuel Monsagu were com-missioned to study the problem. They came up with a scheme that involved paying off up to 600 pilots - 45 per cent of the total - with handouts of up to £105,000 per man. The overall cost was £43 million just about what it costs to run the service for a single year. The shipowners thought this far too generous, so the Montagu scheme remained on the shelf and the problem was handed back to the Government.

Just how the Department of Transport will tackle the redundancy question remains unknown, but it is suggested that Whitehall is trying to simplify the whole field. The obvious solution would be to suip Trinity House and the other pilotage authorities of their responsi-bilities and hand the job to the ports. It is a move that would be welcomed by the shipowners but fiercely resisted by the pilots.

The other classroom dust-up

Lucy Hodges on the problems caused by the breakdown in teachers' pay talks

the ordinary classroom teacher and were particarly attractive to primary school teachers, who form the bulk of the NUT's membership. The vast majority of teachers currently stuck at the top of Scale 1 on £8,556 a year would have been paid on the Main Professional Grade scale running from.£8,500 to £11,800 a year.

Local authority employers reckoned privately that they would have to pay an extra £300 million to £400 million in the first year alone and were wondering where this money was going to come from. It is estimated that the package would have added 7 to 8 per cent to the teachers' salary bill. Would ratepayers have coughed up in the absence of funds from central government?

As it is, the employers no longer have to fret. The NUT clearly took fright at what was being demanded in return for a reformed salary structure. It disliked being required to do some lunch-time supervision (half the lunch break two days a week) and cover for absent colleagues. These are currently voluntary duties and are jealously guarded as such. By withdrawing their "goodwill" and refusing to do these duties, teachers have a useful weapon in industrial disputes and one which they often prefer to strike

But perhaps most of all the union abhors the notion of teacher assessment every year by head teachers, with promotion and salary increments depending on this assessment. "This package would divide Britain's staffrooms", said Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary, when he announced the NUT was pulling out of talks. "It would introduce the judge and the judged, the inspector and the inspected. It is a policy that will be

His comments reflect the defensiveness of a union, and a teaching force, which feels itself under seige from a secretary of state, Sir Keith Joseph, who never misses an opportunity to decry the small minority of incompetent teachers. In addition teachers feel they are working under increasing stress, with greater demands from children, parents and society, and that they are having to do this job with fewer and fewer resources. Why should they have to undergo the equivalent of an MOT test every year as well? How much more power would that put in the hands of Sir Keith?

As Mr McAvoy put it: "The punishments within their proposals — a witholding of increments and ever-growing files on teachers, about which there can be no appeal — will be enforced by a secretary of state

who has indicated he will change the regulations to prohibit teachers from

The present unsatisfactory salary structure consisting of five teaching grades below deputy head will therefore stay, blocking the career prospects of many able and energetic young teachers. Gone is the prospect of a more equitable career structure, with a three-year induction period for new teachers, teacher fellowships for the most able, and shared curriculum and pastoral responsibilities being.
While the other unions dislike

some aspects of the package they recognize that, it is at least worth talking about. The second biggest union, for example, the National Association of School-masters/U-nion of Women Teachers with 220,000 members, thinks that not enough money is being offered, but it does not share the NUT's allergy to assessment. Teachers are, after all, assessed at present whenever they apply for a higher scale post. Secret files are kept and much favouritism suspected in a system which is known to be described and which is known to be deeply flawed. The NAS/UWT thinks that the new proposals would put assessment on a fairer and more professional footing. Above all, in common with other unions, it is concerned to wring more money out of the management. This week the local authorities said themselves that salary structure reform was the "only bypass round a financial roadblock". The alternative is perhaps years of industrial strife.

David Watt

White change – black outlook

A visit to South Africa at the present time is a fascinating but dispiriting experience. Things are changing. yes, but the more they change the more they stay the same. And the more they stay the same, the more they seem to go backwards.

Since I was there in January the new constitution, setting up separate chambers of parliament for Indians and Coloureds, has been put into place; next month the cumbersome machinery will grind into operation. And yet it seemed that the only things to have been achieved had been negative - an increase in the positive apathy of the Indian and Coloured communities, a right-wing backlash which nearly toppled the government candidate in a Johannesburg by-election last week, and an outburst of black unrest in which a number of people lost their lives, without making the slightest permanent dent in the white state.

Of course there have been other factors involved. The recession has steadily deepened in recent months and unemployment is now very high, particularly among blacks but also, to some extent, among lower middle-class whites. Educational standards in black schools are a constant source of ligitimate agi-tation, and the first faint stirrings of black trade union power are beginning to ruffle the surface of politics. But the essential fact is that Mr P. W. Botha's attempt to "modernize" apartheid has simply demonstrated more vividly than ever the impossible contraditions of

There is no conceivable logic, even within that system, in drawing distinction between blacks on the one band and Indians and Coloureds on the other; and the first product of the attempt to make one, so far as I can see, has been more Afrikaaner cyncism. The second consequence is the paradoxical one that if, in the "modernizing process" something has been done about two second-class peoples, it is harder to resist the idea that something will also have to be done about the third-Mr Botha has, in effect, publicly

acknowledged the force of this proposition, and hinted that he will shortly introduce parallel reforms for blacks. But what is he to do? Neither Afrikaaner politics nor practical considerations would allow him to set up yet another, fourth, chamber for the urban blacks. So there is evidently going to be some tinkering with the form of local representation in the townships, but not much more.

At the end of the day, the result will be the worst of all worlds - a black population, more alienated than ever, an Indian and Coloured population whose consciousness of njustice has actually been enhanced, and a strong sense of Afrikaaner uncase over the government's "softness to the kaffirs".

This impression of a regime which is taking one step forward and two steps back extends to the foreign field. In January Mr Botha's government appeared to have established a triumphant ascendancy over the whole of southern military threats and the Angolans were rapidly being forced to the negotiating table by even cruder methods.

There seemed every prospect that the South Africans would feel strong enough to allow independence to Namibia after free elections under UN auspices. The argument went that Swapo. the Namibian "liberation" movement, would doubtless win in any such contest but would be in no better position to harbour anti-South African guerrillas after independence than Mugabe and Machel.

What has actually happened is rather different. Mr Mugabe does remain firmly pinned down by what amounts to a civil war in Matabele-land, which, if not actually fer-mented by South Africa, at least draws sustenance from sources of supply located on South African territory. In Mozambique, however, the limits of South African power have been demonstrated - not by President Machel, but by the opposition guerrillas which the South Africans conjured up to keep him in order, but which they cannot now get back into the bottle.

In Namibia South African still lacks the self-confidence to allow an independent Swapo government, and has been stalling in the face of every kind of international pressure, particularly from Washington, [could discover no real sign last week, either in Pretoria or in Windhoek, the sleepy Namibian capital, that they have any intention of changing their minds.

Part of this reluctance stems, no doubt, from a perfectly rational calculation. At least in the medium rerm, time appears to be on Pretoria's side. As long as the Angolan government and Swapo forces taking refuge there are squeezed by military and political pressures, there is a lot to be said for postponing a settlement.

There is even talk in Windhoek of the South Africans abandoning direct rule and reviving a tame, non-Swapo regime which could prepare to beat Swapo in an electoral fight. This is a bad bet, owing to the complete inability of the local political parties — white, black, tribal and non-tribal — to agree amongst themselves, and the chances are that the South African administrator general will continue to reign.

The South African government is still hankering after a way of preventing a straighforward Swapo regime in Windhoek, even though the logic of events makes this almost inevitable in the long run, and probably the lesser of evils for them

The reason is ultimately the same as the reason for the domestic recoil. In spite of all the talk about change in South Africa - in spite of some real change – Afrikaaner opinion at all levels is still indissolably wedded to perpetual white supremacy. Nothing in the tinkered new constitution touches that central core, and it is arguable that the "loss" of Namibia would not touch it either. But black unrest, white economic hardship and talk of further black advancement - developments of the last few months - are Africa. Mugabe in Zimbabwe and a jab in the main nerve, and so long Machel in Mozamblque had been as that nerve is jangling all other effectively tamed by economic and movement virtually has to cease.

Philip Howard

Latin matters, Q.E.D.

When somebody cries that some human institution, say the Roman Empire or the English language, is decadent and going to the little hounds, the robust answer is: "The woods decay, the woods decay and fall. Empires and languages develop; but decadence is an anthropo-morphic way of looking at their development. Don't be so wet."

But when my friends in the Association for the Reform of Latin Teaching, who are good eggs and ggesses in spite of the somewhat laborious title of their association, send up a distress signal. I take it seriously. They are about to send out a broadsheet called "A Heritage for All", which sounds the alarm that the teaching of classics is about to disappear from maintained schools. The reorganization of the secondary school curriculum is making it increasingly utilitarian, pragmatic and functional

What in the wide world is the point of ordinary children studying the languages and culture of dead rivilizations in this, as they say, day and age? The arguments for teaching classics are old, and good. But let us just rehearse some of them, to make sure that they have penetrated into the heads of Sir Keith Joseph and his satraps in Elizabeth House, and, more importantly, of parents and children. The elitist argument is that

classies is an education for an officer class. Nor can I do better than impress upon you the study of Greek literature, which not only elevates above the vulgar herd, but leads not infrequently to positions of considerable emolument. We know. we know. Rev. Tuckwell; and it is still a rotten argument.

You can argue that a generation ago we spent a bit too much time translating Gibbon into Thucydi-dean prose, Marvell into Horatian Alcaics, and fussing unduly about the periphrastic conjugation of sum with the future participle active and the gerundive. I should resist this argument in the last ditch. A parent once complained to Richard Martineau that she found it a bit odd that a boy could pass through the Old Coll to the age of 19 without ever being made to read Dickens, except possibly for the purpose of translation into Tacitean prose. The great man replied: "They can read Dickens in the holidays."

A better argument is that Greece and Rome are our roots. We are all good Europeans now, and you cannot understand European art, drama, literature and history without some knowledge of the myths, legend, customs, literature and history of the Graeco-Roman world, as they are taught in Classical Studies courses to I 1-year-olds.

You try reading poetry from Shakespeare and Racine to Graves and Baudelaire without knowing who Helen was. How can you understand a painting like Picasso's Guernica without knowing about the minotaur in his shadowy maze? Music has grown farther from its roots; but a knowledge of classics can unlock the door to such diverse and supreme pleasures as Handel's Semele, Berlioz's The Trojans and the Carmina Burana. Classics are the key to the culture of the western

A second powerful argument is that classics are the linguistic key to our European heritage. More than 20,000 of the 40,000 words in common use in English are derived from Latin. The proportion is much higher in the Romance languages of our neighbours in Europe, which are the "decadent" descendants of Latin. Most of the vocabulary of science and technology is based on Latin or Greek; often, I am sorry to say, both in the same word. If you do not know about the wooden horse or Achilles' Heel, or if you cannot spot the roots of a Spanish word like telemisora protruding like old menhirs through the turf, you are entering the linguistic race with

your legs tied together.

The classics will survive, because they are good. Clever children and bright teachers will always be drawn to them. Of course our children should learn how to work computers; they are more useful than carpentry, which we had to do. O God, O dovetall joints. Of course we need scientists and economists: on second thoughts, I am not sure about economists. But a European with no classics is only half educated. Classics will survive in the private sector for many reasons, some of them élitist. If you let them die in the curriculum of the maintained sector, what you are saying in effect is that more than 95 per cent of our children are fit for

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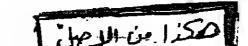
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THE FUTURE FOR COAL

As the coal strike edges slowly and painfully towards its inevi-table collapse, Mr Ian MacGregor, the Coal Board chairman, has provided a useful reminder that Britain's coal industry will now require a more thoroughgoing reconstruction than seemed is to win the long-term viability, realism and management reforms that Mr MacGregor was originally appointed to achieve. These more drastic changes should be planned if not fully agonizing but seemingly unavoidable process of attrition in which the dispute is now stuck.

There seems to have been an informal embargo on discussion of these contentious issues at the Coal Board, at the Energy Department and among ministers generally. It was thankfully broken by questions from members of the audience after an address by Mr MacGregor on wealth-creation in the ironic setting of a City church. Mr MacGregor confessed that he was personally in favour of giving mines to the miners in cases where their future was in dispute, although union attitudes presently rule this out. More significantly, he backed privatization as having a part to play in the industry's future and pointed out that legislation would be required to achieve this.

Long before the strike, the reports on the industry that led to Mr MacGregor's appointment made it clear that state monopoly had failed as a framework for the industry. That should not have come as a surprise to a. Cabinet convinced of the inherent drawbacks of monolithic state corporations. It was equally clear that worker ownership should play an important role in the industry's future, given the special conditions and history of British coal mining.

The course of the strike, the damage that continues to build up each day it is prolonged, add

powerfully to those arguments, The failure of a monolithic National Coal Board, underwritten by the taxpayer, to provide security of supply has turned away many potential industrial customers and persuaded others to turn to imports likely when the strike began if it as an alternative. Moreover, the deep divisions opened up between different groups of miners, and particularly between different areas, will be hard to heal within the present structure. They can more easily be resolved set in motion during the long, in the context of more widespread changes and alternative

forms of employment and

ownership . The Government's and the Coal Board's most pressing priority is still to end the strike as quickly as they possibly can given the continuing distaste of the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers for a ballot among NUM members or any compromise agreement for a general return to work. Any false optimism that the strike might be over by the end of the year can now be buried. The drift back to work has predictably slowed to a trickle following the expiry of the deadline for the payment of back allowances before Christmas. In the immediate future the approach of Christmas can be expected rather to cement the solidarity of strikers in closeknit mining

communities. The continuing legal squeeze on the NUM, brought by miners rather than the Coal Board or Whitehall is having a gradual effect on opinion among union officials, most of whom at least in private find the tide of violence as repulsive as the public does. The voting in the recent executive meeting and the ensuing special delegate conference was evidence of that. The Coal Board's tactics for the New Year must seek to reinforce that gradual shift of opinion

If a majority remain on strike

any longer, it will no longer be feasible to maintain the Coal Board's Government-financed commitment to eschew compulsory redundancies. The loss of coal faces, equipment and longterm markets during the course of the strike mean that many more jobs will be lost, probably more than can be accommodated by moving miners. If that wholly correct principle has to be temporarily set aside, it should be those who refuse to make themselves available for work beyond a certain date who lose

If the strike is to dribble on for some time, it also follows that, just as the Government should start working hard on plans for long-term re-structuring, so the Coal Board should set in train the review of its closure programme and possibly even the review of individual pits promised in its definitive agreement with the pit deputies' union, That agreement requires a longer and more cumbersome process for the review of individual closures and the Coal Board will probably need to do some more homework of its own in view of the criticisms of well-informed accountants.

Once the strike is effectively over, the industry will have a breathing space of about two years while pits and human relations are repaired, pro-duction builds up and coal stocks are rebuilt. That is not much time. Thereafter, the coal industry is likely to face barsher trading conditions than those assumed in Mr MacGregor's initial closure plans. By the end of those two years, the industry will expect the Coal Board to be well on the way to implementing the five-year plan called for in its agreement with the pit deputies. The public will expect the Government to have started to implement a plan for the fundamental restructuring of the coal industry.

EAST MEETS WEST IN DISASTER

The disaster at Bhopal is a hazardous manufacturing prohideous parody of the marriage cesses. The explosion here at castern poverty. A chemical hammered home the lesson. The factory of modern design to good first is to give the correct priority standard was put down eight to safety in design, siting, years ago just outside a city of installation, operating procedure state of Madya Pradesh. It is have in case of mishap either a ment. The receiving country owned by an Indian subsidiary of Union Carbide, of the United States, and it is staffed wholly by Indians. Its product, material for pesticides, is of direct benefit to the rural economy of India. There quickly clustered up Pagainst the perimeter of the plant an unofficial settlement of the poor and ignorant, eager for work or pickings.

On Sunday night last the process of production went calamitously wrong. A cloud of poisonous vapour drifted towards the city. Those who were able fied in total dismay and bewilderment, some, it is reported, under the pathetic delusion that the plant was for the making of medicine. The very old and very young, unable to flee, were gassed and perished with many others. Two thousand are estimated to have died, many thousands more are likely to be disabled. The plant by irrevocable order is closed.

There are three levels of relation to environmentally not entirely distinct.

western technology with Flixborough ten years ago automatic correction, or some corrective procedure available to intercept an accident before it turns into a disaster. The third is to have the emergency services in the vicinity prepared and alerted in case of an environmental eruption.

Union Carbide has had a good record in its home country for safety and avoidance of pollution during the lifetime of the Indian plant But it is a reasonable inference at this stage that someone's safety procedures and inspection were defective at Bhopal. As for the other two types of precaution, they failed utterly.

Public criticism in India is divided between the allegation that multinational companies engaged in hazardous manufacture adopt one standard of safety for use in industrialized countries and another in the third world, and the allegation that the Indian regulatory code is criminprecaution to be taken in ally lax. The two allegations are

that two standards do operate. When that happens it is usually because the company chooses to take advantage of, or acquiesce in, the inferior local provisions half a million inhabitants in the and inspection. The second is to for safety regulation and enforce-"second chance design" for may lack the expertise or the resources to enforce the sort of standards that some of these technologies dictate by reason of the dangers clinging to them; the receiving country may also be too eager to attract the investment and the employment opportunity to insist on onerous safety or environmental conditions. That does not absolve the company, which knows about the dangers, from re-sponsibility towards the community it is entering or responsibility for its own good name. The judicial inquiry promised

There is some evidence,

though not directly in this case,

by the Indian authorities and the litigation that is more than likely to ensue will draw lines between those matters for which the company can be held to account and those pertaining to the public authorities. But outside the forums of the law there is plainly a joint responsibility on those who offer these hazardous technologies and those who receive them to learn and apply together the best current practices for the avoidance of danger.

INDEPENDENT, NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY

has had a relatively good Press. The principal reform that it embodies - separating the investigation of crimes and their prosecution by transferring the latter function from the police to an independent prosecution predicted dangers. service - is one that most people involved in the law now see as desirable. The prosecuting solicitor's departments of police forces already provide a service of generally high quality, but the underlying principle is not at root a satisfactory one. As the agency responsible for tracking down the accused and collecting the evidence, the police have a natural human motive to wish to see their efforts vindicated. For the conduct of the prosecution to · · be under their control creates the opening for a suspicion of bias which is better avoided.

However, one note of anxiety was raised repeatedly as the Bill rode serenely to its second reading in the House of Lords last week. A number of speakers, including several Law Lords, expressed misgivings about the decision to make the service a national rather than a local one. Decisions about whether or not to bring a case to court ought in most cases to be made in the light of local public attitudes and other circumstances. A system where most decisions were referred up to the centre would

The Prosecution of Offences Bill Commission on Criminal Procedure recommended a locally based system, and the Government's spokesmen in the Lords were pressed with decorous insistence to offer assurance that their plans were free of the

Yesterday's publication of details of the proposed distribution of functions between head office and local offices of the service helps to give substance to Lord Elton's protestations that no grasping clawback of powers to the centre is intended. In some respects local freedom to decide when and when not to prosecute will actually be increased; in others the conduct of the case will be left to the local office once the decision whether to proceed has been taken by the Director of Public Prosecutions. Riot, arson, immigration offences, even in some circumstances murder will normally fall to be dealt with from start to finish at local level. There will be a discretion on both sides to report up or to call in cases outside the newly diminished list of categories to be reported up as a matter of

routine. There are two main reasons for the need, in a relatively small number of cases, for head office to put its oar in. In some kinds of offence - in particular obscene publications, large, complex probably be both bureaucratic frauds, and murder and manand insensitive. The Royal slaughter where there are un- cases all and sundry.

certainties regarding mens rea special skills and comparative experience are necessary if a broadly consistent charging policy is to be applied. In others. political or semi-political considerations make it desirable that the DPP should retain some control over the bringing of prosecutions likely to be intensely controversial. Nationally sensitive cases involving labour relations, or locally sensitive ones where it is important to avoid the appearance that strings are being pulled behind the scenes are examples of this second type.

Officers of the Crown may also be exposed to undue political influence, or suspicions of it, of course. As Lord Diplock pointed out last week, the district attorney system works well in the United States (a federal country). But here the record of some police authorities in the coal strike has only reinforced the arguments against an arrangement based on local accountability however attractive that may be in theory - with the Chief Prosecutor standing rather in the same relationship to local politicians as a Chief Constable does today. A national service is preferable to that, so long as its rules embody wide protection for the exercise of local judgement, and so long as DPPs can resist using their discretion to call in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

of pensions

From the General Secretary of the Banking Insurance & Finance Union Sir. Dr Samuel Johnson defined a pension in his dictionary as generally understood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country".

I think - or would like to think - that we now take a more charitable and realistic view of pensions in this country. Pensions are a reward for service rendered and in a very real sense are deferred pay; working people contribute directly and indirectly to their pensions throughout their working lives.

.At the moment a number of Government measures are being talked about in the field of pensions which would have the effect of negating the actual value of pension received. The most particular rumour from Government circles is that the Chancellor is proposing in his Budget next year to tax lump-sum payments received through pension schemes - either payments in their own right as part of pension fund arrangements or amounts which are commuted under the terms of the appropriate pension

It would be monstrous for any such measure to be introduced and quite unfair to those millions who have estimated the pension amounts due to them when they retire and have adjusted their standards of life according to those estimates.

It may well be that the tax revenue gathered by the Chancellor in this way would contribute a little to the lowering of the Government's public-sector borrowing require-ment but is this really what is intended?

We very much hope that the Government will not countenance any unfair and discriminatory fiscal measures against pensioners.

After all, Dr Johnson was joking -

Yours faithfully, LEIF MILLS, General Secretary, Banking, Insurance & Finance Uniou. Sheffield House, 17 Hillside, Wimbledon, SW19. December 5,

Investment at risk

From Lord Harris of High Cross and

Sir. On the nationalisation cases before the European Court of Human Rights your Political Editor wrote (November 23): "The Government maintains, however, that the level of compensation paid by Labour and the method of valuation were reasonable".

Sir Keith Joseph has acknow-ledged that the terms of compensation were "grossly unfair". Yet this Government have defended the case under the European Convention on precisely the same terms as

their Labour predecessors.

A win by the UK before the European Court would signal to the international community that investment in this country is exposed to exceptional risks of expropriation by a future government acting on the precedent set by Mr Wedgwood Benn in the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Act.
Unless justice is done to investors

in this case, it is difficult to see how investors in British Telecom or other denationalised enterprises can feel safe against future expropriation by opportunistic politicians. Yours faithfully,

RALPH HARRIS, BROOKES, MONSON. ORR-EWING, House of Lords.

Licensed friendship

From Dr Bruce Fogle

Sir, Governments are not the only oodies that will continue to tiptoe around dogs and dog licences leading article, November 30). While the Government ponders where the canine vote lies, less responsible dog owners will continue to cause the rest of us to tiptoe around other articles. Where these lie is in no doubt to anyone who lives in central London.

A dog licence, administered locally, and with a ceiling of £10 a year, is a logical system. The area of exemptions, however, should be thoroughly discussed. Dogs trained by Hearing Dogs for the deaf, for example should be included with guide dogs for the blind and working sheepdogs in any mandatory exemp-

Other exemptions for certain elderly or handicapped pet owners should also be considered. Yours sincerely, BRUCE FOGLE, Vice-Chairman, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, 22 Seymour Street, W1.

Conditional aid From the Executive Director of ActionAid

December 3.

against those.

Sir, Few would argue with your leader "Value for money" (November 20), when it suggests that "the aid programme ... should be subjected to just as much critical analysis as every other aspect of government spending." Nor would many contest that, as presently applied, the greatest proportion of foreign aid not only fails signally to "promote the interests and prosperity of the peasant in much of the Third World" but actively works

In failing to observe that a portion (admittedly a minuscule one) of overseas aid expenditure is subject to critical public analysis and does effectively promote the interests of deprived peasant communities overseas, your leader may encourage those who see the aid budget as one more legitimate target in the general assault on public expenditure, and thereby reduce still further that small proportion going to help people in such need that their very lives are threatened.

Concern on future Black week for Tories in Parliament If Conservative MPs cannot face

vociferous minorities in their con-

stituency associations what hopes

remain for Nigel Lawson's other

proposed constraints on middle-

Taxation of lump-sum pension payments and child benefits and the

restriction of mortgage interest relief

to basic-rate taxpayers - all these

would be future legitimate encroach-ments on the hidden welfare state

for the middle classes. Imagine the

braying fury of some Conservative MPs, coupled with the sanc-

timonious insouciance of those who

would simply carry on spending the money, when faced with such

At the same time further cuts in

the living standards of the poorer

members of society provoke no such

Nor is the Government blameless:

Nigel Lawson has promised tax cuts

of £1.5bn, for doubtful economic and political benefit, The price is

uncoordinated and non-strategic

public expenditure reductions in all departments, forcing Sir Keith Joseph, for example, to set off parental contributions against scientific research and adult

education within his own budget, to

choose between the devil and the

Parliament: a black week for the

how to deal with it are clearly set out

in the authority's documents on racism and multi-ethnic education.

There is no such reference in these

documents or elsewhere that would lead any sensible reader to such a

There is a further scholarly reference in the article to the ILEA

as being engaged in "buffoonery of every kind". It is difficult to understand what is meant by this. I

do not know about subscribers to the Salisbury Review, but readers of The Times surely deserve better

The ILEA and the other auth-

orities which are trying hard to deal

with the deeply rooted problem of

racism in our society are surely, at

the very least, entitled to construc-

tive criticism rather than ill-

Education Officer, Inner London Education Authority,

destruction which would be caused

potential enemy. One interpretation

of our message to the Soviet Union

is this: "We will press the end-of-the-world button if you invade". This is not a credible defence.

It is time for us to return to a

genuine, small, believable deterrent.

This would mean, as a first step, the

cancellation of Trident. It may be

that the reason for your editorial at

this point was the increasing

strength, on all sides of the House, of

calls for this to be done.

ALISON LEONARD.

Yours faithfully.

6 Totland Grove,

Chester. November 26.

informed writing.

WILLIAM STUBBS,

The County Hall, SE1.

Yours sincerely,

December 6.

by nuclear war.

comment and analysis than this.

That was the week that was in

deep blue sea.

Conservative Party.

29 Beryl Road, W6.

MICHAEL LINGENS.

Yours faithfully,

December 6.

conclusion.

revolts of so-called principle,

class privileges?

From Mr Michael Lingeris Sir, As Conservative MPs return to their constituencies this weekend, they might reflect on the damage which they, whether as ministers or as backbench MPs, have done to the

reputation of the Conservative Party

over the last week.

The fandango over local government continues as Parliament bitterly contests the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan councils. Even if the Government is to be believed, ministers are optimistic that the paltry sum of £100m will be

When the country faces severe industrial and social change, businesses grapple with new technology and the economy strives to be more competitive on world markets; and in more than three million of our fellow citizens are out of work and the nation should be debating future patterns of employment and measures to reduce the number of jobless, what does the Government do? It introduces a measure which, at best, is of fundamental irrelevance to the real and important issues of the day.

Then the country was treated to the unedifying spectacle of a high-principled and courageous minister humbled by his own supporters. In seeking to invest more in the country's future by requiring higher financial contributions from the relatively well-heeled to the further education of their privileged off-spring. Sir Keith Joseph was humiliated by backbenchers whose motives were born of frustration and tainted by hypocrisy.

Racism in schools

From the Education Officer of ILEA Sir, Racism and how to deal with it are subjects which need to be dealt with carefully and sensitively. Roger Scruton fails on both counts in his ill-tempered article, "Punish the real school bullies" (December 4). He chose to criticize four local education authorities for various aspects of the work they were doing in dealing with racism in education. I should like to put the record straight on the two factual references made in this article to the ILEA.

The first concerns Bernard Coard, the black author, who is referred to as having been an adviser to the ILEA. Bernard Coard has never been an adviser to the authority. He did indeed write a book describing the frustrations that many black parents felt about some schools, but he did so independently of this authority.

Secondly, it is quite untrue to infer that the ILEA supports the view that "all whites are racist". The authority's definitions of racism and

Power and superpower From Miss Alison Leonard

Sir, I wonder what was the reason for your "evil empire" editorial (November 26). There are two questions to be

asked in this context. Firstly, is the Soviet Union bent on spreading its unwelcome system round the world regardless of cost to itself? Secondly, is our defence against such a possibility a credible one?

On the first question: two things (apart from the inevitable feeling of preference for our own freedoms) strike the visitor to the Soviet Union. One is the vividness of the memory of the devastation caused by World War II with its twenty million Soviet dead. The other is the awareness amongst ordinary people of the absolute finality of the

Christian feminism

From the Reverend Dr William

Sir, In her letter of November 22 Rosemary Ruether claims that "by taking a statement out of context and without giving its source" I have uttered against her a "calumnious assertion". My accusation made in a Times article (October 15), was that Dr Ruether has shown in her writings a "deep hatred and disgust for the Christian tradition". Dr Ruether's claim that "needless to say this is not my view of the Christian tradition at all is, frankly, a disingenuous one.

The statement I quoted appears in her book, Sexism and God-talk, in the general context of a description of how, in Ruether's view, the "subjugation" of women in society has been achieved. After (in my opinion) misrepresenting firstly Aristotle, and then the Hebrew tradition, she goes on: "The Christian Church teaches (my italies) that birth is shameful" and that "only through the second birth of baptism, administered by the male clergy, is the filth of mother's birth remedied and the offspring of

removal of the underlying causes of

sources. In our view this imbalance

hardly represents "the authentic

voice of the long-suffering taxpayer"

which you seek to invoke, any more

than your sweeping generalisations

concerning clamour from the

The fact of the matter is that the

poverty and famine.

the woman's womb made fit to be a child of God". .. Woman, says Dr Ruether, "must

obediently accept the effect of these holy male acts upon her body". The passage as a whole conveys contempt for what she represents as being traditional teaching much more strongly than the short passage to which I was necessarily confined in my article; and it is clear from the context that it is today's Church teachings she rejects as strongly as those of the past so much for her claim that this passage represents "a concept of maternal sexuality . . which . . . I would hope that most Christians today repudiate".

If space permitted, other examples of Dr Ruether's hostility towards the Judaeo-Christian tradition in general, and what "the Christian Church teaches" in particular, and of how she is prepared to misrepresent them to make her point, could be given: a number of them are examined in my book What will happen to God?, the publication of which was the occasion of my recent article. Yours sincerely, WILLIAM ODDIE,

Pusey House, Oxford.

that this should be done.

November 24

Co-financing of long-term devel-Government has the power, if not opment projects by the Overseas Development Administration is an the will, to vote a meaningful proportion of our collective wealth important aspect of the general aid for humanitarian assistance in the programme. Delivered in the Third Third World, and the means at its World at grassroots level by nondisposal to ensure that a far greater governmental organisations such as proportion of it is applied effectively. It has also had sufficient ActionAid, such aid makes a vital recent expression of public feeling and effective contribution to the

Now that we have been con-ditioned to accept the unwillingness All such projects are subject to of the Government to take proper public scrutiny and accountability steps at the present time, we believe and yet they are starved of funds. In 1984 ActionAid, the largest British that reconsideration must be enforced. In a campaign to its charity wholly devoted to Third supporters and the general public World development, will raise from ActionAid is seeking to persuade latheyers to write to the Chancellor private sources, and spend overseas in support of rural development offering to forgo their own portion programmes, some £7 ½ m. of the projected £1,500bn tax cuts, To this it will be able to add so that proper resources can be applied to co-financing of overseas £250,000 of funding from ODA and perhaps a similar sum from EEC

> mental organisations. Yours etc. ROBIN HILL, Executive Director, ActionAid, PO Box 69,

208 Upper Street, N1.

aid projects through non-govern-

Forging UK links with Italy

From the Director-General of the British Council

Sir, Captain William Cooper (December 5) regrets the limited stock of engineering books in our Rome library. The council's library policy in Italy, as elsewhere, seeks to fill gaps - despite a heavily reduced budget - in the availability of British books in overseas countries and a number of Italian libraries have collections of British engineering publications.

We share Captain Cooper's conviction that engineering is an important aspect of British culture and he will be glad to know that a council exhibition of 300 British electrical and electronic publications is now touring Italy.

Books are only one way in which the council in Italy promotes Britain's scientific and engineering achievements. Of the traffic of people between Britain and Italy assisted by the council about a third is in scientific and technological

Our Science Officer in Rome concentrates on developing research links between institutions in Britain and their Italian counterparts; her present priority areas are aero-nautical, electronic and electrical

To give but one example of many, she is currently engaged in a joint research project on multivariable control techniques applied to steer-ing and stabilisation of surface vessels, linking the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon and the Istituto per l'Automazione Navale, Genoa.

Globally, over a quarter of our main budget is devoted to science and technology whilst less than 15 per cent is spent on the arts. important though they are. Yours sincerely.

JOHN BURGH, Director-General, The British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, SW1. December 6.

Survey in peril

From Dr John Physick

Sir, Your leader today (December 3) deals with the problem of the GLC's functions to be devolved to new or existing bodies. There are, however, some which appear to have been omitted from the Bill altogether. One such is the publication of the Survey of London, which, though promised a future in the White Paper, is not mentioned in the Bill.

This series, begun over 80 years ago by a voluntary committee under the architect and conservationist, C. R. Ashbee, and from the beginning supported by the LCC is, to use your own headline (January 4), "much too good to discard". Any threat to it must be a matter of great concern. On the second question, it would be as well to ask what message our those interested in the histor of London and the conservation of present system of defence gives to a

its wealth of historic buildings. It is also worrying that undertakings made by the Government at earlier stages of the legislation are apparently not being honoured.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PHYSICK, 49 New Road, Meopham, Kent December 3.

Keeping watch

From Mr N. K. Whitley

Sir, I am disturbed by your leader today (November 29) headed "We have been warned". You distinguish three categories

of communists, the third of which, you say, "actually conceal their inner convictions by inhabiting other groups as communists." I understand and can share your concern while you define these groups as communists on a political basis, "Tory or Alliance parties", since these have declared ideological premises opposed to those of the communists. I must protest, how-'ever, when you continue by including the media, the univer-sities, teacher-training colleges etc.

As far as I am aware there is no legal ban on communism in this country. As yet (I hope) employment in this land does not depend upon political, philosophical, ideological or religious conviction.

To suggest that a journalist, lecturer, teacher by profession may not also be a communist and by inference Christian, Labour Party activist, Jew, atheist etc by conviction is to bring Orwell's 1984 a dangerous step closer to reality. Yours faithfully, N. K. WHITLEY,

24 Purley Bury Avenue,

Surrey. November 29.

Student grants

From Professor Tom Preston

Sir, Over a third of a century ago I was at Cambridge on a FETS (further education and training scheme) grant of £187 p.a. I had

volunteered for war service, aged 17 ½, and became 21 in uniform. My father allowed me £15 p.a. out of his professional stipend of £1,000 p.a. The Secretary of State for Scotland discovered this and demanded a refund of £45. I objected strenuously on the grounds it was a tax-paid gift to an adult. I also offered to call at his offices and

impudence. I was invited to do so and met an enormous man who had been an Oxford Boxing Blue, who gave me a homily but called both matters off.

punch him on the nose for his

History seems to repeat itself. Yours faithfully, T. A. PRESTON, 30 Russell Drive, Christchurch, Dorset.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

a dinner party at Kensington Palace for those involved in agriculture an

December 6: The Duke of Kent, as Chairman of the United Kingdom

Committee, this morning gave a Press Conference to launch Euro-pean Music Year 1985 at the Arts Council, 105, Piccadilly, London

His Royal Highness, as President

later attended a fecture. The Arab World: Prospects for Stability"

which was given by The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall,

Sir Richard Buckley was in

Controller Commandant, today

received Brigadier Anne Field on her appointment as Deputy Coa-troller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps and Brigadier Eileen Nolan on relin-quishing the appointment.

A memorial Mass for Sir Ralph

Marnham will be celebrated today at noon at the Church of Our Lady.

Lisson Grove.
A memorial service for Mr G. W.
(Bill) Mackworth-Young will be held at noon today at St Margaret's.

attendance.
The Duchess of Kent.

YORK HOUSE.

London SW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 6: His Excellency Mon-sieur Theo Duval was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Haiti to the Court of St James

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mademoiselle Ketly Clermont (Second Secretary) and Mrs Magarette Toms (Commercial Atlache).
Sir William Harding (Deputy
Under-Secretary of State, FOreign
and Commonwealth Office) who
had the honour of being received by

The Queen was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance. The Queen, Air Commodore-in-Chief, Royal Observer Corps, received Air Vice-Marshal G. P.

Black upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant of the Corps and Air Commodore J. Broughton upon auuming the appointment.
Mr R. A. C. Byatt was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her

Majesty's Ambassador Extraordi-nary and Plenipotentiary at Rabat. Mrs Byatt had the honour of being received by The Queen.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening gave a Reception on board HM Yacht Brittania in the Pool of London.

Luncheons

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress gave a luncheon at the Mansion House on Wednesday in honour of the Alderman for the Ward of Portsoken and Mrs Peter Leave and the Alderman for the Levene and the Alderman for the Ward of Vintry and Mrs John Chalstrey, Members of the Court of Alderman, the Chief Commoner and high officers of the Corporation of London were present. Printers' Charitable Corporation

At a luncheon held in Stationers' Hall on Wednesday, by permission of the Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, Mr L. Viney, tributes were paid to two members of the Printers' of the PCC council, and Major-General Tony Dyball, director and secretary of the Corporation, who retires this month and will be

Sir Peter Mills, MP, and Mr Ted Garrett, MP, were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday at the House of Commons by the executive committee of the UK. branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of The Gambia High Commissioner and the Sierra Leone High Commissioner. Also present were Lord Irving of Dartford, Mr Fred Silvester, MP, and Mr Peter

at the Church of St Botolph without Aldersgate, the Master and Wardens of the Parish Clerks' Company entertained the brethren and their guests at a buffet luncheon at Haberdashers' Hall.

London University Contingent OTC Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, was present at a reception held yesterday evening at Senate House by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel N. J. Claypoole, officers and officer cadets of London University Contingent OTC.

Butchers Company
The Master of the Butchers'
Company, Mr William A. Woolliouse, presided at a court luncheon

The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Prince Andrew, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Hon Angus

Ogilvy were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the National Maritime Museum. this morning attended a Trustees' meeting at the National Maritime Museum. Greenwich. SE10,

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited AMI Offshore Resources (Director, Mr Leslie Walker) and viewed the "Goblin Machine, a maritime anti-pollu-tion vehicle, at the West India Docks, E14. Brigadier Clive Robertson was in

attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Annual Awards Dinner of the Sports Writers' Association of Great Britain at the Wembley Conference Centre, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Association (Mr David Hunn). The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was

CLARENCE HOUSE December 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, was present this evening at a Reception at the Senate House given to mark the seventy-fifth Anniversary of the University of London Officers' Training Corps, Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston,

James Lowther-Pinkerton were in KENSINGTON PALACE December 6: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this evening gave

The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr Graham A. Jackman and Dr Bernard Matthews, President of the British Turkey Federation, replied. **Dinners**

City Livery Club The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual dinner of the City Livery Club held on Wednesday at Guildhall, Mr Joe Brown, presided accompanied by president, presided accompanied by Mrs Brown. The other speakers were the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Lord Mayor, Lord Lane, and Alderman Christopher Collett. resident, presided accompanied by

Society of County Treasures two members of the Printers' Society of County Treasures
Charitable Corporation – Mr
George Wilson, a former chairman of the PCC council, and MajorGeneral Tony Dyball, director and secretary of the Corporation, who returns this month and will be succeeded by Captain Dan Bradby, RN.

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Co Hamilton. Representatives of county councils and local authority associations and the heads of Civit Service Departments were also

Augio-Indonesion Society

The Anglo-Indonesian Society held its twenty-fifth annual dinner last night at the Portman Hotel. Baroness Vickers, chairman, pre-sided and the guest of honour was Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Cobb.

Parish Clerks' Company
After their St Nicholas Day
Eucharist which was celebrated Philippines and the High Commissioners for Malaysia Singapore were among those

Institute of Medical Laboratory

The Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences held a dinner at the Royal Society last night to mark the completion of Mr G Smart's three-year term as president. Mr Smart was assisted by Mr R G Fewell, president-elect, in welcoming vice-presidents council members and presidents, council members and

Company of Gold and Silver Wyre The Master of the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, Alderman Bryan E. Toye, presided at a livery dinner held in Guildhall

Father Jean Charles-Roux's seventieth year, his thirtieth in England, will be celebrated at St Paul's. Hammersmith, on Wed. December 12, at 6,30pm. His friends are welcome to attend. last night. The guests, who were received by the Master, and Mrs Toye and the Wardens, Mr R. W. E. Payne, Mr R. R. Elliott, Mr Richard held yesterday, at Butchers' Hall, Payne, Mr R. R. Elliott, Mr Richard M. Thorpe and Mr Godfrey M. Davis, and their ladies, included: The Swiss Ambassador and Mme Pictet: Stretchen and Lady Brown: Alderman Sir Stretchen and Lady Brown: Alderman Stretchen and Lady Shall be and the stretches and lady Shall commander and lady Shall Commander and Mrs I for the Lady Mayoress, and Mr and Mrs Proceed: Alderman and Mrs F Mr Williams and Mr and Mrs Proceed after the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and liber ladies, were present at a dance beld after dianer.

Baroness Trumpington who chairman of the committee in 1979-80, entertained members and guests of the Air Transport Users Committee at Dinner in the House

Committee at Dinner in the House of Lords yesterday.

Those attending were:

Victorial Garmore (charman), Robin Duff of Medicary (depthy charman), Lord Boyd-Carpenter. Sir Archibald Hope and Mr Norman Ashoon Hill Goes, Chatramen, Victorials Garnock, Lady Sayd-Carpenter, Mr and Mrs R P Solvood, Mr and Mrs E Buckhalter, Mr and Mrs R E Colis, Mr and Mrs R E Colis, Mr and Mrs R E Colis, Mr and Mrs B M Huffner, Mr and Mrs M Solvood, Mr and Mrs D Mana, Captain and Mrs J V Lowis, Mr A J Lucking, Mr and Mrs D T Stan, Captain and Mrs J Sir Homey and Lady Phillips, Mr and Mrs G T Lyall, Mr R McCrindle, Mr, Sir Homey and Lady Phillips, Mr and Mrs S Shaw, Mr Vice-Manhalt Sir Brian Stanbridge diffrector. Makers of Playing Cards' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayorss and the Sherriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual dinner of the Makers of Playing Cards' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Judge Argyle, QC, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Lord Denning, Dr J M Rae, Mr Alfred Neate and the Senior Warden. Mr Peter Simkins.

Glass Sellers' Company

Mr P S Northam was installed as Company, Mr D Williams-Thomas as prime Warden and Mr P J Willoughby as Renter Warden, yesterday before a dinner held in Stationers' Hall. Among those

Service dinners

17th/21st Lancers
The annual dinner of the 17th/21st Lancers was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. The Colonel of the Regiment. Brigadier J. W. Turner, presided.

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Lang was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Right Rev A. W. M. Weekes. Honorary Chaplain of the Royal Naval Association, also representing the Chaplain of the Ficet, and Rev Chaplain and the Royal Sir Chaplain of the Ficet, and Rev. J. E. the Chaplain of the Fleet, and Rev Charles Hedley and the Rev L. E. M. Claxton, Chaplain of the Samuel Pepys Club, officiated. Jonathan Cox, a pupil at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse. First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, read the become Six Clifford International Process. lessons. Sir Clifford Jarrett gave an address. Neville Atha, headboy. Royal Hospital School, carried Sir John's orders and decorations to the altar and the standards of the Royal Naval Association were carried by members of the association.

Others present included:
Mr and Mrs A G Brown tson in-law and daughter). Miss O C Brown, Mrs P Haster. Mr and Mrs J Jennings. Mrs P Harves. Mr and Mrs J Jennings. Mrs P Harves. Mr and Mrs J Brieffelderd. Mr I Halino. Mrs and Mrs D Brieffelderd. Mrs I Halino.

University news

Edinburgh Dr Gordon Hughes, Cambridge University lecturer in economics has been appointed to the Georgi Watson's and Daniel Stewart's Chair of Political Economy, from July 1, 1985.





Woman to govern Brixton jail

Miss Joy Kinsley, who has been appointed the first woman governor of Brixton prison in south London, and Mr Colin Allen, governor of Maidstone jail, in Kent, who is to replace her as governor of Holloway romen's prison, London.

Miss Kinsley, aged 52, said yesterday her appointment was "a great challenge". She was the first woman governor in charge of male prisoners; at Pucklechurch remand

centre, Bristol, for men and women. Mr Allen, aged 42, has not previously worked in a women's prison, At Holloway he faces conditions recently criticized by the

National Council for Civil Liberties as "disgraceful".

He said: "I think the prison experience generally is a damaging one by its very nature. We ought to be about reducing as far as we can the damaging effects of it".

Mr I. C. Porter and Miss S. S. Ripley

Forthcoming and Miss L. A. Connick The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Dr and

Sheen, London.

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The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Pendlebury, of St Anne's-on-Sea. Lancashire, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Davies, of Starkey Castle, Roches-

The engagement is announced between Alistair, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Robert Porter, of Cambridge, and Leila, daughter of Mrs T. Assassa, of Mabrook, Prestbury Road, Wilmstow,

Mr M. A. R. Bain and Miss A. J. Frost

marriages

between Mark Alexander, only son of Commander and Mrs H. E. R. Bain. of Doveridge House, Neachley, Shropshire, and Alison Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Freet, of Surton Bark Shreusshure. Frost, of Sutton Park, Shrewsbury,

Mr T. F. B. Cooper and Miss L. G. Banks

Mr I. Corbett

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs A. Cooper, of Pulborough, Sussea, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. G. Banks, of Aldwick. Bognor Regis, Sussex.

and Miss A. Manning The engagement is announced between lan, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. B. Corbett. Winnersh. Berkshire, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Manning, Mhangura, Zimbabwe.

The Hon P. L. Gray and Miss B. M. Wilkex

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Lord and Lady Gray of Contin. of Drummond Road, Inverness, and Bridget, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Wilken, of Edgbaston,

Mr.J. F. Davis and Miss S. R. Redding

The engagement is announced between John Francis, Royal Signals, younger son of Mr and Mrs
A. Davis. of Willington, Bedfordshire, and Shane Rosanne, only
daughter of the late Rajh Redding,
MBE, and of Mrs Maureen Sayers
and stepdaughter of Mr J. Sayers, of
Beckenham, Kent.

Caird Medal

Mrs McKee, widow of Commander Eric McKee, RN, was presented with the Caird Medal by the Duke of Edinburgh at a private ceremony at the National Maritime Museum vesterday. Commander McKee was awarded the first Caird Medal, posthumously, for conspicuously important work in a field of the museum's interests.

Pictures of the inside of blood cells and of the interior of

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overcomes the restrictions, of the traditional light micro-

scope and the high-magnifi-cation electron variety.

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The accompanying illus-ration of blood platelets, hich, life-size, are five

microns in diameter, is among

the first results of an experi-

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The pictures were obtained through a remarkable collabo-

rative venture involving Drs Roy Rosser and Ken Baldwin of Imperial College, London;

Ralph Feder of the Brookhaven Laboratory, in the United States, Rob Eason of Essex

University and David Bassett

and Adrian Cole of the

Rutherford-Appleton Labora-tory, near Oxford.

Mrs M. Kropman, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. L. Connick, of East

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The engagement is announced between Peter Gordon Walker,
Royal Signals, only son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs S. G. Walker,
of Shorncliffe, Kent, and Gillian Faye Venner, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs K. G. White, of SHAPE, Belgium and Deal, Kent.

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Lieutenant J. A. Zinn, RN and Miss S. L. Church The engagement is announced between Brian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Roohan, of Port Macquarie. New South Wales, Australia, and Sally Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Woodage, of Rogate, West Sussex. between John, son of Councillor and Mrs A. V. Zinn, of Bitterne Park. Southampton and Sars, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. M. Church of Harpenden, Hertford-

Birthdays today

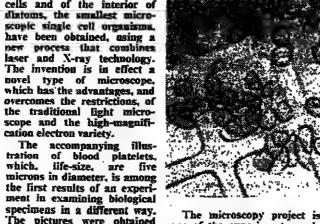
Sir Fred Atkinson, 65; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, 78; Lord Elystan-Morgan, 52; Sir Terence Garvey, 69; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, 61: Sir Bryan Hopkin, 70: Major-General R. E. Lloyd, 78; Mr Eli Wallach, 69; Miss Helen Watts,

Latest wills

Mr Guy Damley Naylor, of Fulham, London, left estate valued at £71.191 net. After other bequests he left £5,000 each to the London School of Economics and the Institute of Economic Affairs, desiring that it be used in each case for a scholarship, prize or award to women students starting a career in financial journalism.

Science report

Seeing inside the cell By Pearce Wright, Science Editor



one of the experiments made possible with a unique and powerful laser, called Vulcan, built at the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory as a central research facility for univer-The method for examining

biological specimens is called single pulse X-ray emission. It is a technique that begins by

focussing a laser beam on a spot smaller than half a delivering 30 joules of energy in one nanosecond (one thou-The intense heat produced

on the tiny spot creates for a fraction of a second a minute cloud of super-hot plasma. As the carbon atoms reach this highly volatile plasma state they give off a concentrated burst of soft X-rays, which are absorbed easily by carbon-So the X-rays have been exploited to overcome the fact

that optical microscopes have insufficient resolution for looking at very small cells, and electron microscopy is appli-cable only to dry dead specimens in a vacuum. Specimens thriving in a culture are examined. But they

are placed on a tiny "photore-sist" plate on which a clear Xray image is formed, and that image is magnified by electron microscopy, as in the picture, which shows living structure not previously visible.

OBITUARY

MR RENÉ LEDÉSERT Major contribution to teaching of French

vision, with his wife Margaret. of the Harrap French and English Dictionary.

His impressive contribution to the teaching of the French language was acknowledged by the French government with the award of the Palmes academiaues in 1962. Born in Normandy in 1913.

he came to England after completing his legal studies and taught for some years at Eton. From there, in 1946, he moved to George G. Harrap & Co. the publishers as Modern Languages editor, and joined the board ten years later, Soon after his appointment.

he was engaged in publishing a wide range of new and innovative language books, rapidly expanding the existing Harrap modern languages list until, by the early 1960s it was in the forefront of language teaching. He not only published in the main school language, French, but also in German, Italian, Russian and particularly in his

Mr René Ledesert, the lexi-cographer and editor who died He guided the creation of a on November 26, was remark-series of critical school texts of able for his efforts to bridge the contemporary authors which eap between the French and have been the mainstay of English languages, a task which advanced level examinations culminated in his major re- for years.

Towards the end of the 1950s, Ledésert became more and more concerned with the updating of the Harrap French Dictionaries which had been edited by his predecessor, Dr J. E. Mansion, some twenty years earlier. Beginning with supplements to the Standard Dictionaries, he his wife Margarer, and a large group of full time and freelance helpers carried out the task of revising the entire Harrap dictionary programme culminating in four volumes of the New Standard Dictionary completed in 1980. for which he was awarded the first Whitbread prize.

All who knew René Ledésert will remember his vast good humour and equally vast anger, his marvellous love of food and wine, his remarkably hospitable houses in Berkshire and Provence, his deep appreciation of art and architecture and his unswerving love of France and Britain and their contradictory

MR PETER BRENT

A correspondent writes: Peter Brent, the writer, who phrase which formed the subenlarged curiosity.
Peter Ludwig Brent arrived in

Peter Ludwig Brent arrived in this country as a Jewish child sent out of Nazi Germany in the months immediately before the Second World War. He went to school in Wales until he was higheraphy of Darwin (1981). sixteen and something very biography of Darwin (1981) attractive in his voice and which can be seen, after manner always bore witness to Godnen of India, as a further that period of his life. Leaving school determined to

be a writer, he went through a typical if extended apprentice-ship - cleaner, journalist. kitchen porter, teacher, film extra, et cetera - before publishing Extit, his first and exceptionally promising first novel, twelve years later. If the this may have been owing to that very quality of enlarged curiosity. He went on to write under the shadow of an ailing curiosity. He went on to write two more novels, half a score of thrillers (under the name of Ludovic Peters), some narrative history, several biographies, three or four radio plays, scripts for film and television.

In 1972 he published Godmen of India, a study of the

gurus of India which grew out of doctrinaire,

many mothts of travel when he visited and lived in ashrams all has died at the age of 53 might over the country. He wrote of well have been described by the his researches neither as sceptic nor devotee but as a man aware title to his last published work: of the reality of spiritual Charles Darwin - the man of endeavour who could yet examine its often dubious

expression of his perennial interest in the relationship of science to religion. At the time of his death he was working on a study of Indian medicine - a field, one might say, where indistinguishable — and -was contemplating a long-cherished wish to write a major biography

heart which characteristically he found a great corrective even to the little self-importance he possessed. He was a very kind man with a touch of innocence to him, yet sharp a steel behind his gold-rimmed glasses, sharp

PROFESSOR FRITZ GROSSMAN Professor Fritz Grossmann contribution was the excellent

an art historian internationally respected for his dedication and scholarship. His main studies were in northern European art. but his generous sympathies also made him an advocat of modern artists and a valued He was born on June 28.

1902 the son of a doctor who became a general in the Austrian army. He studied art istory in Vienna under Josef Strygowski, and wrote his doctoral dissertation on Austrian late Gothic painting. In the 1930s he combined historical work with writing about contemporary Austrian artists, and interviewing them for In 1938, with the assistance

of his friend the collector Count Antoine Seilern he came to London as assistant to the Rubens scholar Ludwig Bur-chard. His continuing interest in Rubens was complemented. by work on other northern artists, notably Dürer, Holbein, and Hollar, but his special

lished in 1955. In 1961 he joined the staff of

the Manchester City Art Gallery, from which he retired as Deputy Director in 1966. His scholarship enriched the collec-tion and informed his catalogues for exhibitions, of which a particular success was Between Renaissance and Baroque in 1965. Another instance of his skill was in identifying a previously un-known allegorical picture by

Holbein, now in the National Gallery of Scotland. On leaving Manchester, he accepted a chair at the University of Washington in Seattle; his international outlook and the extensive range of his knowledge were greatly appreci-ated, and the university con-ferred on him the title of

In his retirement in London the Austrian government also recognised his distinguished contribution to art historical studies by awarding him the Cross for Science and Art.

Professor Emeritus.

SIR DUGALD STEWART friend writes: Dugald Stewart was a man of

are courage and wit. Many who knew him, both in the Foreign Service and in Scotland, recall gratefully the pleasure and the timulation of his company. He served with distiction in

many difficult places (Berlin, Moscow, Cairo), but it was in Yugloslavia that he was speially valued: there he began his diplomatic career as Third Secretary, and there he ended it as a well-loved ambassador: there too he met and married Sybil Sturrock, who had been decorated for her service alongside the partisans in the war. Both spoke Serbo-Croat, and

had many Yugoslav friends, who greatly liked their mixture of cordiality, astringency, and affections for the country. married in 1925; he died in Retirement gave him the 1975.

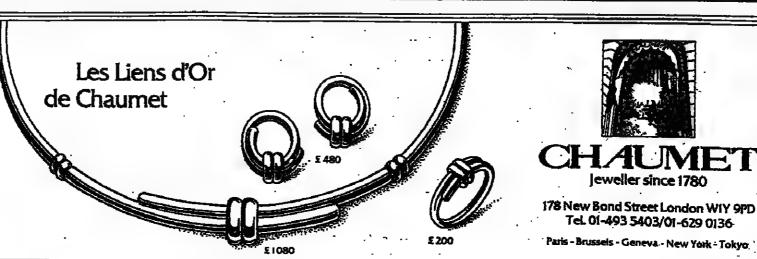
welcome chance of returning to Scotland: he was a notable sportsman, and the remoteness of his home in Appin did not diminish his enjoyment of life.

Dugald Stewart fitted no

sterestypes, either as chief of his clan or as diplomatic represen-tative of his country, and those who knew him prized a certain uniqueness in his character. They greatly enjoyed his friendship and gratly mourn his

Sir John Le Rougetel, KCMG. former Ambassador to Iran and Belgium and High Commissioner in South Africa, died on December 4. She was the former Mary Penrose-Thackwell, and they were

Lady Le Rougetel, widow of





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of Peter Herve alive this Christmas and bring a little hope -to those who have given so much.

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supposed by the feet out tickets a day. Destinate to the sounded of Meanwhile the Fringe presents a range of offerings from brilliant to best-forgotten, at a first & helpical progr All whee knew Rese Lines will remember the kay be bewildering number of venues that seems to increase every But blate chine for a of log of the blate chine for the fact of log of the blate chine for the fact of the blate chine for the with the things of the posts

In short, London theatre, like theatre in general is clearly indestructible and if we lost our formal West End theatres we would not have to do without plays. What we would lose, apart from some enchanting buildings, is the West End's element of scale and showmanship, that sense of occasion; and, while immensely relieved by signs of survival, I still find the quality of the product a cause for concern. There are far fewer interesting shows running in the West End now than there were 10 years ago, for a host of reasons ranging from rocketing production cost to the creaming

A mere 10 years ago, London theatre enjoyed a settled health so apparently indestructible that

it was taken for granted. This weekend, as the Society of West

End Theatre meets to announce

its annual Laurence Olivier awards, the mood is one of

relieved optimism following the

patient's recovery from some

very nasty turns. At the blackest point in 1982 a dozen theatres

were actually dark. Now every

West End theatre has a show

either running or soon to open,

SWET's half price ticket booth

in Leicester Square is still

drawing big queues even now

the tourist season is over. making it one of London

theatre's liveliest advertise-

ments as well as selling 1,400

Business is brisk in the West End. where every theatre has a show running or soon to open, and in the

inner suburbs. helped by musical. revivals and the emergence of

new impresarios

off by the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company of star players and plays that would otherwise have graced Shaftesbury Avenue for nine months or a year at a time. So I am not sure that the

SWET or any other awards, however vital their part in giving the theatre news value, are a wholly unmixed blessing. In undistinguished years, not only does an indifferent play or musical get an award; the nominations system means that four receive some sort of acclaim and can plaster it all over the theatre. We all know that some shows have run undeserved for years, but crying hype too often will eventually be found out and, since the public is not stupid, ignored.

office response the way they do in America: and thank heaven for that

This year has been great for musical revivais: drop into a Drary Lane or Cambridge Circus pub after showtime if you doubt the genuine pleasure that 42nd Street and On Your Toes are giving the public. (It is a special relief to see a big success at the Lane, whose future was causing concern.) But, both in the fare offered and the prices at which it is offered. the predictions that London would increasingly resemble Broadway are proving true. Ironically, our best plays are currently providing Broadway with some of its biggest

Ray : Cooney's Theatre of Comedy operation has, paradoxically, given us our finest feast of farce mages. But for comedy there is little more than the unexciting choice between Stepping Out and that rather thin little brood of Ayckbourn octuplets, Intimate Exchanges. There is a dimension of sophisticated entertainment (American musicals have their own) which is no longer catered

And though serious plays, from Another Country to Annie Wobbler, still appear in West End theatres (usually as transfers, from Greenwich and Birmingham Rep in those two cases), this category, like that of intelligent comedy, points to a new and ominous divide Some critics, too, used to be between fringe and West End.
prone to wild hysteria, which is Such outstanding new plays at
presumably why critical raves the Bush Theatre as Topokana
(and damns) don't dictate box.

Martyrs' Day and Hard Feel-



ines had to turn crowds away every night, but were not transferred to the West End and, sadly, might not have been successful there. Hardly any West End theatre holds even as few as 500 seats (as against below 100 at the Bush), and that larger number must be filled at prices twice as high - and the audience must also be enticed into central London. The

growth of local theatregoing residents of W12 popping into the Bush, those of Hammersmith to the Lyric, those of Islington to the King's Head, Swiss Cottage to the Hampstead Theatre - is a trend that will certainly continue and contribute greatly to the health of theatre in London, but not of theatre in the West End. Nor, worst of all, can it pay

playwrights more than a pit-

I have every sympathy with SWET and can't pretend to offer them a solution. But one of the big problems, keeping up the standard of the shows, is too often played down. The West End may substantially be turning into a showcase for transfers – from "off-West-End" theatres like the Lyric Hammer-

regional theatres - and, though this is sometimes deplored, I see nothing wrong in taking a product with popular appeal, putting it on show in the centre of town and giving it the flattery of a beautiful old theatre.

But the most encouraging sign is the emergence of new impresarios - not to the detriment of established ones,

smith or the Old Vic. or from as Michael Codron's dominance of the theatres down the Strand and the Aldwych proves - but each cultivating flair for a particular kind of show, links with a particular branch of theatre, and working relation-ships with individual playwrights. They are really confident that the West End can be made to work. And it shows.

Anthony Masters



Palace revolution: the magnificent bar of the great theatre has also become a popular cating place

Quite apart from the shows we see, the actual experience of theatre-going in the West End has changed, and it must. Even 10 years ago, West End theatres were cosy old places whose atmosphere had not changed for 20 years and more (many of them seemed not to have been redecorated or refurnished in that time) and which seemed to cater for a cosy, and perhaps old, clientele. Matinees, where interval trays of tea, biscuits and fruit cake were handed over rows in the interval to pairs of middle aged women, were only just beginning to be invaded by summer hordes of American students and tourists. In the evenings, sophisticated visitors left expensive hotels to spend time (at very low prices, certainly) in auditoriums and bars that must have seemed not only tatty but incongruously outmoded.

All that has begun to change and not only with the handsome new interiors at the National, the Barbican, and the rebuilt Lyric Hammersmith, all of which also offered the best creature comforts of air-conditioning or heating, smart lavatories and comparatively elaborate catering. James Nederlander

Wonder of the new discoveries

natural Edwardian grace to create an environment of coolly superb style. Capital Radio spent a king's ransom on the little Duke of York's, removing all the pillars, doubling the bar space and restoring the gilded rococo house like a delicious piece of confectionery. Ed Mirvish, whom God likewise preserve, ripped out the Old Vic's terrible old foyer and enummed bars and turned the battered old auditorium we all loved into a silver-set Victorian gem that still seems like a new discovery. And when Andrew Lloyd Webber really gets going on the Royal English Opera House, alias the Palace Theatre, whose plum-painted marble so grieved the late Sir John Betjeman, we shall see wonders.

These antiquated buildings, like London's many fine churches (whose plight seems not 100 different), eat up money in so many ways the public does not see, from that complicated acreage of leaky roofs that form a paradise for filthy pigeons to the dressing rooms that,

health hazard. Even those at the new Barbican are described as un-comfortable, and apart from those smart little places hidden away in the bowels of the National there are few in London as inviting as those at, say, the Arts in Cambridge.

Like churches, theatres spend only a tiny portion of the week's hours actually playing host to that particular occasion for which an audience arrives. The problem of daytime use constantly raises its head, only to disappear unsolved. The Mayfair, constructed more like a hall than most, does a steady conference trade but the others only awaken in the daytime intermittently for auditions, rehearsals and Equity meetings.

The Alberys, who tried so many things at one time or another, have done a steady trade for some years now by opening the Albery Theatre's upper circle bar for light lunches. Now, under Mr Lloyd Webber's ownership, the magnificent mirrored and barrel-vaulted saloon in the

actually lays on entertainment: a blues singer, a guitarist, a comedy group, a classical pianist perhaps. For one week a month the shows are staged in the theatre, with a small admission charge: Christmas week promises carols and Zippo the clown, while the Hogmanay lunch party on New Year's Eve should ensure that suitably little work is done in Soho offices that afternoon.

The Palace's inviting food is also available in the evening, which creates a welcoming impression even if you're not hungry. I am not persuaded that theatres need to offer food, unless mainly for profit. It is true, of course, that currein-up times, are particularly awkward for eating: it is quite difficult to fit in a good play and a good dinner in the same evening. As many a tourist has found, once out of the theatre at 10.30 pm or so you need to move pretty smartly towards the restaurant of your choice (and preferably have it booked) if you are not to

No wonder that the many theatreland wine bars like the Cork and Bottle or Solange's do a roaring trade, but inevitably they close at 11 pm, and anyhow around midnight the transport system is packing up. Perhaps, now that the question of Sunday theatre opening is being looked at as an aspect of London's facilities as a whole, someone will take an equally co-ordinated look at weekday licensing hours and lasttrain times. But you could equally well argue that, though tourists might like a later curtain-up, suburban-dwellers might resent killing an hour or two after leaving the office and prefer a start around

Food aside, there is the interval drink problem and we have yet to see such elegant solutions as the circular bar I remember from (I think) the Zurich Schauspielhaus. with a circular queue served by calmly swift relays of staff. You can of course, pre-book interval drinks (Covent Garden has a tiresome tendency to refuse because of lack of space), which often gets you a table as well, and at the New London spirits are usefully handed out in the

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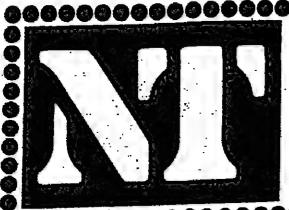
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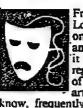
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Absolutely nothing is beyond the people who run the Fringe



ing In contrast to New York, classics) London recognizes no distinction between the equivalents of "off-Broadway" and "off-off-Broadway". The Royal Court auditorium by the hand of the

connotations.

By their fruits ye shall know know in advance whether a good venue has a duff show in or whether a little piece of genius is showing at a little politics and economics of the

example of a Victorian theatre's a pretty risible idea. reconstruction in a modern main part of the twentieth

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Fringe theatre in building was opened in 1888, London is not owes a great deal to one palmy

in the late 1960s, the stood right in the path of it, was in poor structural condition and had long been in the middle of a remote pub. Nor, for good losing streak. I remember sad reasons, do West End transfers days sitting in the public gallery game, the top league is in a Matcham plasterwork be de-

Hammersmith. a unique any new proscenium house was As it turned out, the pendu-

intimate period under one genius. Sir and very cheap;
it is also, as ductions in the 1920s and 1930s regular readers gave it a particular connexion of The Times's with comedies of the Georgian arts page will (his Beggar's Opera fixed that know, frequently very reward- work in the ranks of the and Restoration

and the Hampstead, while not in the West End. are handy matcham, is particularly well soff-Broadway theatres, and while most pub theatres belong recalled that association with in the "off-off" category there recent William Gaskill pro-arc some (like the Bush and the ductions of She Stoops to King's Head) distinguished Conquer and The Relapse, as enough to belie the term's well as a Toby Robertson Beggar's Opera.
When the King Street Mall them, it is difficult enough to shopping precinct was projected

productions. But a number of theatres demand regular checking out — and, such are the politics and economics of the courteously on its behalf constant state of flux.

First the "off-Broadway" section. Foremost is the Lyric counsel in the confidence that

theatre with modern facilities, lum swung back and the The Lyric's survival through the plasterwork was replaced, with the subtlest modifications, to century, since the original give today's audiences the



The andience let their beer go flat at the King's Head, Islington, while the actor sparkles

charming surprise of finding a 500-seat Victorian gem embedblock. The block, now open for five years, incorporates not only air-conditioning and (usually excessive) heating but a restaurant with a big terrace for open-air drinking and, more important, an adaptable and very attractive studio theatre with an excellent success record,

But it is worth stressing that, despite the Lyric's favoured position in the heart of a shopping street, you only need to nip into local pubs in the interval 'clutching your programme to be met by interested inquiries from local residents who have still never set foot inside. Here, as everywhere, theatre's cause still needs

Another astonishing survival, this time owing its kudos to the great regime of Joan Littlewood in the 1950s and 1960s, is the Theatre Royal, Stratford, E15. It has spent many years trying to convince Londoners that, being on the Central Line as well as the main British Rail line east from Liverpool Street, it is not at the ends of the earth But when I first visited it 20 years ago it certainly seemed like it: a Coronation Street of two-up-two-downers with a faint glimmer at the far end took you from the station to the gaily decorated little building with a Victorian-tiled hall leading through to a bar where (it is said) the Krays regularly held court on Joan's first nights.

and a staircase decorated with now-vanished Bill Tidy cartoons ascending into a dinky term's bland American associlittle auditorium.

ations but as a great experimental studio that radically

with its centenary celebrations. not and the atmosphere, oddly and, after a predominantly enough, is just as conducive to classic repertoire policy by the serious as to light entertainment. I well remember dropdraw central sophisticates out to Stratford, it has done better by fostering Stratford links, as anyone who has enjoyed a Christmas pantomime among. the locals or seen the West Indian Trevor Rhone's Two Can Play in a joyfully packed house can testify.

The King's Head's presiding genius, Dan Crawford, is hap-pily still with us and this Victorian pub opposite Isling-

It was tatty then and still tal venue. You sit at long check-needs a lot of money, but the clothed tables, whether you refurbishment appeal will receive a new impetus this month (recently improved again) or ping my eyes from the stage during a pause in the mesmeris-ing first act of Kennedy's Children and discovering an almost cold cup of coffee in front of me, tactfully refilled by

for the previous half-hour. The Theatre Upstairs and Riverside Studios are compara-tive newcomers. The Theatre Upstairs still seems so, but it is Victorian pub opposite Isling-ton Church in Upper Street of the Royal Court — which remains a rare London example of dinner-theatre, not with that

Freud's nightclub in the 1960s.

changed the scale of the English Stage Company's operations and gave an extended run to plays that might otherwise only have been for a Sunday-night showing in the little main theatre below. By contrast, Riverside's auditoria (formerly BBC studios) are vast and hangar-like, tending to swallow to marvellous effect by Peter Gill in early classic productions like The Cherry Orchard and The Changeling.

a waitress and unnoticed by me Belying its romantic name, Riverside squats between council blocks and a waste riverbank site, just at the point where you wonder if you're going anywhere; but the food in the self-service eatery is good,

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Wondrous discoveries

From previous page But facilities are hampered by historical fact: so many theatres date from an age when large bars were unnecessary because they were only used by men. You cannot do much about an architectural division into three balconies, but this does seem an area where the consequences of social change have not been properly faced.

The wind of change is also blowing through the box office. Computers have not yet advanced far beyond the four Wyndham theatres and the Theatre of Comedy group, but only the other day a major booking agency, Edwards and Edwards, unveiled their Prestel

phones, box-office queues and telephone bookings has been Still, some nice traditions dealt a further blow by the adapt to all changes. At Her Majesty's we had a cut that credit card.

younger. Having spent a few years doing it myself, I may be biased, but I was (and am) impressed by the way most clerks' tempers stand the strainand I have certainly never worked with more pleasant people. As receptionists and salesmen (not to mention accountants, telephonists, information bureaux and complaints departments) their manner is

of giving them so little financial

The staff, too, are getting booking plans in the warmth of the halogen lighting; now I see that the boys at Sadler's Wells, which is computerized, have one that basks just as comfortably on top of a terminal. At the Shaftesbury, Ray Cooney has already introduced a 20 per cent bonus scheme for all staff.

Since the public is usually going to the theatre for pleasure, a fine combination of hostmanship and commercial sense will be necessary to carry West End century. Examples like the Lloyd Webber management at the Palace, with its immense inancial resources a raises hopes. These old build ings do eat up money, but they also have superb potential as

Alongside the Palace's expanding programme of lunchtime entertainment is the multi-million-pound restoration project that is currently investigating Britain's few remaining terracotta firms for refurbishing its much-eroded exterior.

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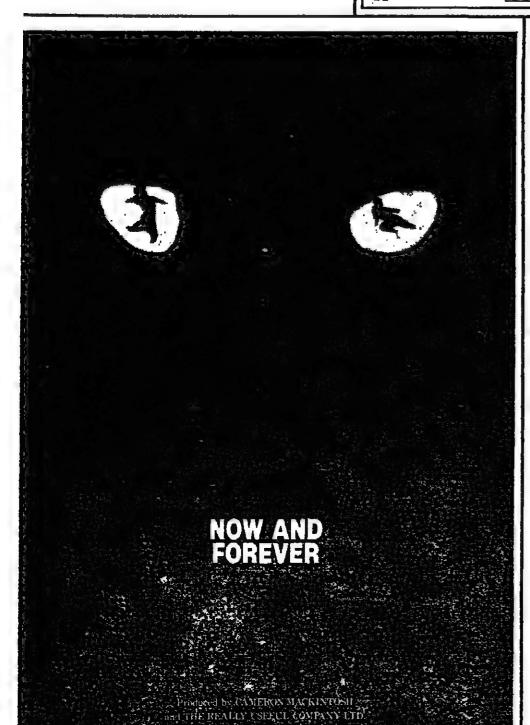
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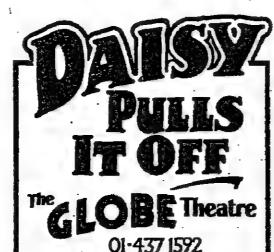
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Zip goes a million on a West End musical



companies coming up with many productions which with only few adjustments go into the West End and become big hits has meant excellent cost savings - as Peter Hepple, editor of the The Stage, the weekly theatrical paper, points

The regional theatre, operating on an Arts Council grant, pays for scenery and costumes,

then shares production costs with its West End partner.

He cites the case of the Haymarket, Leacester, with West Side Story and The Hired Man both transferred; and the musical Me and My Glrl is running there ut the moment, already fixed for the Adelphi in

Mr Hepple says: "This two-way traffic, sometimes sug-gested by West End commercial regional theatre, has created a rather different situation for backers. The only backing you need is the cost of transport tothe West End - in the case of a musical, perhaps a larger orchestra which might go up from 12 to 25 musicians. The Hired Man has five".

The regional company gets its name on programmes and posters but usually takes a small financial cut. Most regionals Mr Hepple says, need deficit budgeting: make profits and you lose your grant.

There is also more investment now by theatre owners themselves, which contrasts with the old days when the show itself depended on private money and the theatre owners got the show in and collected the rent for the theatre. Today the shortage of shows means owner investment in production. Ray Cooney is a case in point, says Mr Hepple: he has two theatres and shows in three

So what does a West End show cost to put on? A musical would come in at around the £1million mark: structural alterations to the theatre, as with Starlight Express, means another £500,000.

According to one estimate, that particular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical will be in the black by the first week in February, which means about a year to recoup its investors.

As for the straight play, a modest production with a cast



They queue every day for half-price seats for the West End shows at the ticket booth in Leicester Square, whether it's wet or dry. They sell about 1,400 seats a day. But it rarely rains Cats tickets ...

The Society of West End Theatre (SWET), which has started a token scheme to boost ticket sales, is convinced that the average theatre ticket at less than £10 represents exceptional value compared with other forms of entertainment (Broadway's average price is \$30 about £24), has been making careful studies designed to produce information for the potential theatre-goer who wants a more streamlined evening out; how to get there, where to eat, what time the show_ends.

A SWET official said: "We identified, for example, that there was a lack of information about bus and train availability. There are the senior citizens' matinees which offer discounts and we are promoting students' standby schemes".

odest production with a cast Stuart Harding began packag-four can cost £65,000 at least ing rail/theatre/concert trips

"would always be good for 50,000 bookings this year made £5,000 if Michael Codron puts through his St 'Albans-based

Another man who has made life easier for the potential theatre-goer is Jules Boardman, formerly of the National Theatre, managing director of Ticket-master, a computerized booking service installed in a number of West End theatres but which now extends into the High Street. Mr Boardman says: "It takes the box office to your doorstep", he says.

Ticketmaster is installed six London branches of W H Smith at Putney, Kensington, Hammersmith, Ealing, Bromley and Croydon and Mr Boardman predicts considerable expansion. "In many cases you pay exactly the same price for your tickets as if you bought them at the theatre."

-So there has been an electronic revolution and the theatre is reaping the benefit, both in the gadgetry in Cals and Starlight Express and in the sophistication of the new ticket selling methods.

Kenneth Gosling

|Why they| go down well at

New End

Some years ago when the Red Buddha Theatre appeared at the Piccadilly, Wyndham Theatres Ltd sold correctly warm sake in little plastic cups for auditorium consumption. So successful was the experiment that wine-laden usifiers ply their trade in their theatres to this day. Otherwise it is only in a pub theatre (provided you are not occupied with a notebook and pencil) that you can clutch a drink to increase your hilarity or temper

Rub theatres, of course, can justify themselves by their work alone; it was the Old Red Lion in St John Street, Islington, that first staged Crystal Clear, which remained an overwhelming experience even after a West experience even after a West End transfer. You might imnation that the puls themselves
would be of the vaguely arty
variety, like the Queen's Elm in
Chelsea, or at least have
theatrical connections, like the
Lamb and Flag in Covent
Garden where Dryden got
magged shortly after rewriting
antony and Cleopatra. Antony and Cleopatra.

The reverse is true. The Bush, on a corner of Shepherd's Bush Green, is a busy, noisy Irish pub; the Old Red Lion, whose facade bears the saddening inscription "Built 1415, rebuilt 1898", is quite ordinary except for its back patio with an arbour full of flowers. As for dress, the more informal the better; but the contrast with the meticulous costuming and set on stage, especially at the highly professional Bush, is marked. So too at the Gate, Notting Hill, where once you've seen the nice Victorian stained glass in the Albert downstairs, you've seen the pub, and the theatre is quite bare. Lou Stein's other Gate, over the Latchmere pub in Battersea, is the most elegant pub theatre in London - at least it is until it closes on December 15 because of "lack of funding" says regretful publican Nigel

Walters. Other venues, still not suf-ciently known, include a ficiently known, include a converted church hall, a converted Order of Foresters' hall

and a converted morinary.

The ominously named New
End (yes, this is the former mortnary) sits down the side road of that name off Hampstead's Heath Street right opposite the hospital, which must have been convenient for its former function.

This, too, is a real charmer with its steeply raked seating (excellent sightlines) that shakes whenever someone in the row laughs, and its little top bar of the stalls by a mysterious door. It is a symbol of resurrection if ever there were ne. London theatre lives.







Of Mice and Men

Geoff Bullen's production Steinbeck's novel may be

O-level text, but when was the stage version last performed? Of Mice and Man

popular masterpiece. The

has paid the usual penalty

story is so strong and memor-

able that, once read or seen, it goes back on the shelf for ever.

Everybody knows the outline events of the tragic friendship

tween George and Lennie

the fast-talking man-of-the-road

and the giant simpleton - who

take a casual labouring job on a

Californian farm where Lennie does had a thing for the last time. What I, for one, had forgotten was the weight of

feeling between the two men, piled in hard, detail after detail,

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pair of freaks, but that their

companionship is reflected in

the solitary lives all round

THE TIMES Friday, 28th September 1984 plotting, and the accumulating death as both performances

> Mr Mantle throughout under-Crooks, the black labourer, for instance, is driven into malevolence by his own kind of social exclusion. Likewise Curey's young wife there is no better passage in the narrative than the scene where Lennie and the girl are drawn together by their shared fondness for stroking soft things - both going into extracles at the idea of velvet - which leads straight on to her appalling accidental

Clive Mantle and Susan Penhaligon achieve a fine transition in this scene, beginning in playful giggles that change their note when he kneels up, towering above her, to take her hair in his hands. every one of which rings true; to take her hair in his hands, the spare elegance of the The scene remains true to the

retain the essential quality of a meeting between children who happen to be in possession of adult bodies

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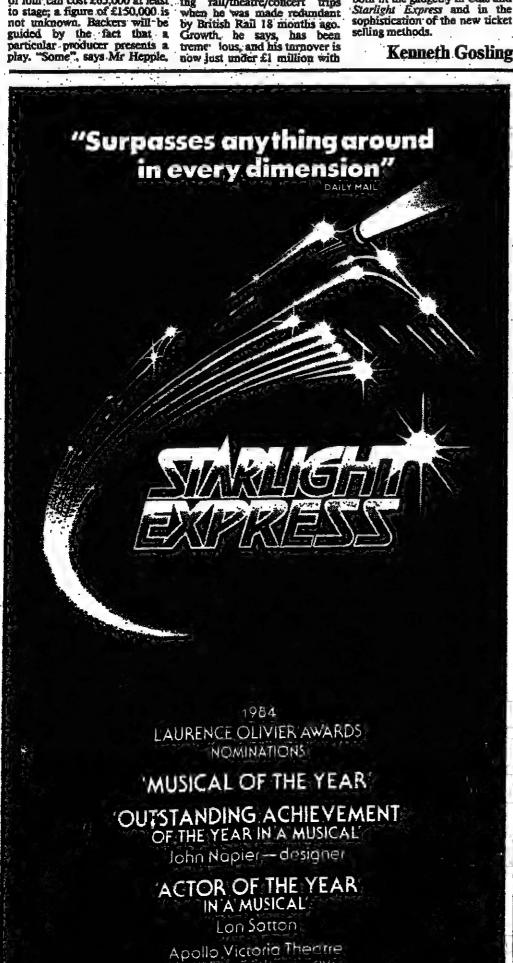


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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

MPs' doubts cast a shadow over tax cuts

The Treasury and Civil Service Com- com shares. Holders who looked disdainmittee, under the chairmanship of Mr. fully at the price on offer and refused to Terence Higgins, Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the Heath government, yesterday added its voice to the criticism of present methods of public spending control. Important though this is, the committee's points on the Treasury's autumn statement have more immediate interest. In particular, the £1.5 billion of tax cut or "implied fiscal adjustment" for the next Budget which the committee maintains is "predicated on a group of

questionable assumptions". The assumption that caught the committee's eye concerned the exchange rate, and its effect on oil revenues. In evidence, Sir Terence Burns, the Government's chief economic adviser, conceded that a 10 per cent fall in the sterling oil price would eliminate the £1.5 believe fiscal adjustment. When oil prices remain under pressure and, at the same time, a downward correction in the dollar is expected, the committee is right to question the Treasury view that a sterling oil price of nearly £24 barrel will persist through 1985-86.

This figure is calculated from an exchange rate of \$1.20 and a North Sea oil price of \$28.65 a barrel, the situation prevailing when the Treasury put the finishing touches to the autumn statement. In theory sterling would have to rise to a little over \$1.30 given a stable dollar price for oil, before the scope for tax cuts disappeared

The committee is sceptical about next year's public spending planning total of £132 billion and, in particular, assumptions that the public sector pay bill will rise by only 3 per cent and that local authority current spending will be cut by 2 per cent in real terms.

This year's revised planning total of nearly £128 billion may also be exceeded, the committee says, noting that "Estimating errors have occurred during years when inflation has been even less than initially expected - a situation that will not necessarily continue to prevail.

Well-made though these points are, the committee's report, the first of the 1984-85 session, is something of a disappoint-ment. As the published evidence shows, the committee failed to extract much either from the Chancellor of his civil

one of the autumn statement's mysteries became a little clearer yesterday. The third quarter balance of payments figures showed a £1,110 million surplus on invisibles, against the working assumption of £250 million a month. This produced a third quarter deficit, seasonally adjusted, of £542 million, and a cumulative deficit

of 1984 Bad though this is, the EEC rebate, received in October, and the normal upward revision of balance of payments statistics, should allow the Treasury's zero current account estimate for 1984 to be

Predatory GEC still cash-rich

GEC picked up a further five million of its own shares yesterday and told the market it was open for more. By the close last night Britain's largest manufacturing company had bought in 35.1 million at a cost of £80 million it was hard going. The brokers de Zoete & Bevan had been in the market for 15 hours, offering to buy the shares at a fraction over 288p each.

Shareholders who sold for cash had. been given, and had taken the opportuity to lighten their load of a hithertounrivalled stock; and perhaps increase a disappointing allocation of British Tele- likely future ordering levels.

self should benefit from the expected increased earnings this year and the resulting rise in earnings per share.

As with all new games, it takes time for players to become familiar with the rules. GEC is pleased with the response; it has not expected to draw out anything like the 40 million shares it was willing to buy. Moreover it is rare for a board of directors to give money back to shareholders. The logic is clear enough: if GEC could not thank of what to buy with its cash mountain then the shareholders individually should be given a chance to find a home for it. Most companies prefer to ignore it, believing always that the board

GEC still has £1.6 billion on call and the key, as always, is the price. British Aerospace is a good example. It is almost tailor-made for GEC but with Aerospace shares at 355p, Lord Weinstock remains incommitted. Notwithstanding the greater wariness of GEC, it is unlikely to sat on its hands for ever.

Guarantees wanted for warship yards

The course of privatization rarely runs smoothly, especially when more than one. Whitehall department has an interest in the outcome. So it is with the Government's plans for privatizing warship yards. The Ministry of Defence and the Treasury are keenly involved in the sale of the yards, which is the responsibility of British Shipbuilders and its sponsor department, Trade and Industry.

Since the summer, Lazard has been busy drawing up detailed sale documents for each of the seven main yards. Offers are already in for one of the minnows, the patrol boat yard of Brooke Marine at Lowestoft. However, the review of defence and navy spending being undertaken for Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, is casting a shadow over sale preparations for the rest.

In particular, reports that the future of the Navy's new Type 23 frigate programme maybe in question has caused ripples of unease among potential bidders. All the warship yards are heavily dependent on the MoD as the predominant customer, but the frigate programme is critical to the future of Yarrow, Swan Hunter, Cammell Laird and Vosper Thorneycroft.

With each Type 23 frigate worth £100 million or so (the exact cost is a matter of contention), there was already concern that overcapacity in frigate building meant that not every yard could be kept busy with the rate of ordering that the Navy was thought to have in mind. If there are to be even fewer orders - none at all according to the wildest rumours - it

would be very serious. Vosper Thorneycroft, Swan Hunter and Cammell Laird are still waiting to hear where the long delayed orders for two Type 22 frigates, worth more than £140 million each, are destined to go. A decision is promised by Christmas, after what has been almost a pantomime of protracted Whitehall indecision.

Rumours about the Type 23 programme are reliably said to be without foundation. Lazards appears to be confident that this is so and hopes to put out packages of financial information about Yarrow, Half Rusself and the Vickers nuclear submarine yard at Barrow by

There are none the less genuine jitters among bidders, who will want some sort of assurance - formal or otherwise - about

Share flotation 'to pay for EuroRoute Channel link'

The £4,400 million plan to build a combined bridge and monei cross Channel lank would ultimately he financed by a huge "British Telecom-like" huge "British Telecom-like" public share flotation, Siz Nigel Brackes, chairman of Trafalgar House said yesterday. Sir Nigel was speaking as he

took over from Mr Ian MacGregor as British chairman of Euro Route, the Anglo French consortium responsible for the proposal which is one of six schemes competing for fixed cross Channel link project. And he said he believed the Government would be in a position to decide which of the

six schemes to adopt by March. Sir Nigel said he believed the idea of the link was now closer to realization than ever before following the joint statement made by Mrs Thatcher, and President Mitterrand of France at the Paris Summit.

The statement said that such a link would be "technically feasible and financially viable" and that the time had come to take the next step.

Britain and France has set up

a joint working party to fix the

Ferry group

to sell

St Andrews

hotel stake

By Cliff Feltham

The cross Channel ferry

operator, European Ferries, is

close to a further deal aimed at

streamlining its activities and

raising about £7 million or

more by selling its 50 per cent

interest in the prestigious Old Course Golf and Country Club next to the Old Course at St

The involvement has been a

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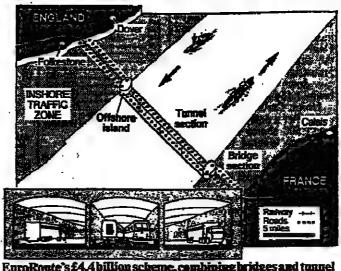
which embarked on the project

two and a half years ago during

the expansionist reign of its late

chairman, Mr Keith Wicken

Andrews, Fife.



conditions under which such a link would be constructed and operated. It is due to report in February.

Sir Nigel said to be believed the political will was in place to carry the idea through. A spokesman for the Department of Transport described his

March time scale as a little optimistic. The department said that the brief of the

working party was to "establish the rules of the game" and it would only be after these rules had been set out that the rival consortia would be invited to

But Sir Nigel was adamant. He said: "Maybe I am naive and starry-eyed about this, Either it is going to happen very quickly or it will not happen this century."

The main concern of the

association is that shareholders

will lose out in the reconstruc-

keen to restrict the amount of

It has therefore suggested that

new money be raised by a combination of cumulative

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preference shares linked with a

floating rate loan note and

rights issue, which would raise

One of the main problems for

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submit detailed proposals,

share issue in Britain and France "of the order of British Telecom but phased over the life of the project." as the most likely form of finance. Sir Nigel said he was satisfied that the medium-term banking finance for the scheme could be raised

without Government guarantee. Trafalgar House has a large share stake in the consortium and stands to gain much new contruction work for its fabrication vards if the EuroRoute scheme is adopted.

The EuroRoute is one of the most expensive of the rival Channel link proposals. A report published in May by five British and French banks dismissed the proposal as unviable but Sir Nigel claimed vesterday that the report's findings had been based on

obsolete data, "I do not think that the twin bore rail only tunnel solution will bear serious scrunity. Sir Nigel said. He thought that the EoroRoute scheme, although more expensive, had significant advatages in creating substantial job opportunities in traditional industries away from the Channel sites.

BP alters

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Farm plan

By Jonathan Davis,

Business Correspondent

have decided to change their

plans for developing the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset after

running into fiece opposition to

included drilling on the Stud-

land peninsula, a beauty spot

The plans to drill on the

peninsula will be shelved for

four years and may be scrapped

eventually, company officials

said yesterday.
Mr Michael O'Sullivan,
manager of the Wytch Farm
development, said: "There's no

doubt that people have been

very steamed up about the

The BP consortium is plan-

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Mr O'Sullivan said that BP

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The Government has decided

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zation, and is to seek advice on its disposal. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Mr Douglas Hurd said in a Commons written reply that specialist advice would be sought about the feasibility, costs and bene-fits of disposal, including how

best to secure employee mvolvement, "In deciding eventually whether to proceed to sell, the Government will in particular wish to give full seight to the importance of the company in the Northern Ireland economy", he said. The company, which em ploys 65,000, is working on the

Tucano trainer aircraft with a Brazilian company, and is involved in work for the European Airbus A310-200.

Hanson gains

Hanson Trust reported pretax profits up from £91.1 million to the end of September. The final dividend is up from 2p to 3.25p, making a total of 5p against 3.33p last time and a one-for-two capitalization issue is

Tempus, page 21

Ferranti ahead

Ferranti, the electronics group, has reported a 25 per cent increase in pretax profits up from £14.8 million to £18.5 million for the half year to September 30.
Tempus, page 21

BOC record

Group, the gases, health care and carbon products concern, improved by 44 per cent to a record £138 million in the year to September 30. Tempus, page 21

Pretax profits at the BOC

Bass profit up

Profits at Bass, Britain's largest brewer, for the 53 weeks to September 30, rose from £175 million to £218.4 million, and the dividend goes up from 11.36p to 12.90p.

Duty concession The Inland Revenue has ruled that Harvard Securities, the

licensed dealers, is a qualified dealer and need pay only 50p stamp duty when it buys USM shares as a principle - the same 25 wells into the Wytch Farm as stockiobbers.

Dunlop investors to lobby Pegi board

million could be raised through

Representatives of the Dun-lop Shareholders Association will meet directors of the Malaysian Pegi Corporation next week, Pegi has a 26 per cent stake in the ailing tyre and industrial products group.

The meeting is part of a lobbying campaign designed to keep the dilution of equity investment to a minimum when details of the long-awaited capital reconstruction, expected shortly, are announced.

den.
The most likely buyer of the stake is the group's partner in the hotel, Mr Frank Sheridan, a businessman who ran the Classic cinema chain before selling out for £6.8 million during the mid seventies to Mr Laurie Marsh's Intereuropean The Old Course Club was

bought from British Transport Hotels as part of its privatization for £1.35 million, but an estimated £10 million has been spent on extensive improvements to create a 150-room complex up to five-star standard and marketed around the

Mr Roger Braidwood, the finance director of European Ferries, added that Mr Sheridan "is in a not inappropriate position to offer us a deal." The hotel stands in the group's books at between £6 million and £7-million and Mr Braidwood said: "we will not sell at a

Mr Sheridan said: "I suppose I am the logical person to buy their stake. He had sufficient financial resources to reach a end of this year.

European Ferries has two other hotels, at Larne in Northern Ireland, and at Dover. but these tie in more closely with its ferry business and are unlikely to be sold.

The group has been busily slimming back to its mainstream businesses, which have involved the sale of the Singer and Friedlander merchant bank

into equity.

these and other assets sales. tion to the banks and they are the £380 million debts of the company which are converted

The association presented its own plans for the shape of the

reconstruction to Pegi's financial advisers in London yesterday. Its proposals call for a withdrawal from tyre activities through the sale of the US and South African operations and estimated that about £240

GUS tops £100m

Burberrys, Home Charm and Times Farmishing retail group, yesterday reported record half-year profits of £105.1 million, an increase of nearly £13 million. Sales were £53 million up at just over £1 billion.

The net effect has been push carnings per stock unit up from

the association is mobilizing the support of the 38,000 Dunlop shareholders who hold fewer

Great Universal Stores, the 21.77p to 24.32p, paving the way for an interim dividend of 6.25p against 5.5p before. The main engines of growth

were mail order. Burberrys and the financial division, which includes Global Holidays. Furniture was static in a difficult other sites in and around Poole Harbour. Last week it applied for planning permission to drill its first appraised wells on Furzey Island, the 31-acre estate which

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Matthey set for £25m capital aid

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Johnson Matthey plc crossed the first hurdle on the long road back to financial health yester-day as shareholders at an extraordinary meeting voted overwhelmingly to approve a £25 million capital injection and an increase in the group's borrowing powers.
Approval of the £25 million

injection, in the form of convertible preference shares, was crucial to cosure the continued support of the industrial and precious metals refiring group's bankers, who have provided a £250 million Mr Neil Clarke, chairman,

said the group would still need more capital and this was one of the matters being studied by the accountants. Coopers & Lybrard. He said that talks with BP, which is considering whether to bid for Johnson Matthey pic, were still continu-Although watered down from the initial proposals, the £25 million capital injection still

favours Charter Consolidated.

Its stake will increase from 27.9 per cent to at least 33.34 per cent if no other shareholders Paris CAC. Despite the steep fall in Johnson Marthey pic's share price from 240p before the near ary two months ago to 68p lesterday, the extraordinary meeting was good tempered and devoid of hostile onestioning by

Accountancy link cleared

The final external barrier to the merger between Price Waterhouse and Deloitte Has-kins and Sells, which would create the world's biggest accountancy firm, was removed when the Department of Trade and Industry said the proposed link would not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission. The DTI ratified the Office of Fair Trading's finding that if the merger went ahead there would still be sufficient choice for users of audit services. Voting by partners in both

firms takes place on December | the market alive. 13 in Britain and will be They face two options, which completed by December 14 in will be discussed at a board all other offices

STOCK MARKETS

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devoid of hostile questioning by shareholders. Comex (latest) \$329.70-330.80

Commerzbank

Dilemma for gold market

By Michael Prest

time being at least, winding up the market would not solve their problems. But the struggle to find a new identity for the market is far from senled.

Sources on the board said that the snorning meeting had been called to guage the feeling of the market. Some 80 representatives of the 38 floor members and 16 non-floor members voted by a show of hands to explore how to keep

Members of the troubled sented to floor members in London Gold Futures Market January. One, which looks yesterday decided that, for the increasingly attractive, is to continue for another year

The advantages of this course are that 12 months' notice is needed for termination of the lease and that it would allow extra time to write down costs. Optimistic members also hope that the low volume which has endangered the market could improve. An alternative is to link up with another market. But it is understood that the initial enthusiasm for cooperating with the Loadon International Financial Futures Exchange is fading as tax meeting this month and pre- problems emerge.

MARKET SUMMARY

| MAIN PRICE CHANGES | CURRENCIES |
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| FALLS: Cape industries 37 - 10 Acom Comp 51 - 14 Bio-Osolates 38 - 7 Moray Firth Expits 7 - 1 | INTEREST RATES London: Bank Base: 9%-9%% |

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CURRENCIES

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buying rate US: Prime Rate 11.25-11.50% Federal Funds 0.8-4% 3-month Treasury Bills 91/4-91/20

Long band 1011/15-11/4

including 9,927,839 shares reserved for issue

160,806,600

CSX Corporation (CSX or the Group) was formed in 1980 from the merger of Chessie System, Inc. and Seaboard Coast Line Industries, Inc. The CSX rail subsidiaries provide a full range of transportation services over a 26,000mile rail system which spans 21 eastern states of the United States of America, the District of Columbia and a Canadian Province. The CSX rail units are America's leading carriers of coal, servicing nearly 20% of the United States coal production. Rail operations contributed 79% of CSX's total revenue in 1983.

CSX substantially expanded its natural resources activities after the acquisition of Texas Gas Resources Corp. in 1983. They now include natural gas transmission and inland barge operations as well as real estate development, aircraft support services and various coal, oil and gas development, exploration and production

For the year ended 31st December, 1983 CSX's revenues and net income were U.S. \$5,787 million and U.S. \$272 million, respectively. Revenues and net income for the nine months to 30th September. 1984 were U.S. 55,879 million and U.S. \$387 million, respectively compared with U.S. \$3,867 million and U.S. \$168 million for the same period

The Council of The Stock Exchange has admitted to the Official List all the 160,806,600 Shares of Common Stock of the Company issued and reserved for issue.

Particulars relating to CSX Corporation and its subsidiaries are available in the Extel Statistical Service and copies of such particulars may be obtained during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 28th December, 1984 from:

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Early fall for Dow

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Wall Street stocks widened their losses, but a sharp drop in Union Carbide caused most of the damage to the Dow Jones industrial average. The index was down about 1½ points to below 1,164 in early trading. Union Carbide was down 5%

at 39 after a delayed opening on 1,125 500 shares at that price. The drop lowered the Dow by

Declines were even to four ahead of advances and trading was moderate

Mr Alfred W Harris Jr., of Josephthal and company, said stocks were languishing after Wednesday's sharp declines. He said, "there is no major volume - rather we see a continuing apathy at the institutions as the market drifts. But there should be some rebound here after two weeks of declines." Mr Harris said the market

was negative, despite lower interest rates and lower inflation. There had been enough positive news for the market but the pervasive uncertainties are

holding it down" Mr Harris International Business Machines fell 1/4 to 117%. Genera Motors fell 1/4 to 73 1/2. General Electric fell % to 54%. Teledyne rose 1% to 254%. Honeywell was unchanged at 57. Eastman

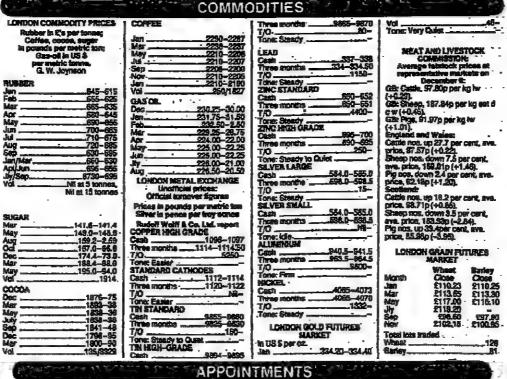
Kodak fell 1/4 to 69 1/2 and

Digital Equipment fell 14 to

Northwest Industries was 56% down 1. Fischbach was down 1 1/2: International Paper at 49 was down 4:

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Barclays: Mr James Prior, MP, the former cabinet miniser, now chairman of GEC, is to become a director of Barclays Bank. He will be appointed to the boards of Barclays plc. Barciays Bank pic and Barclays International Ltd from January

Readson Group: 'Mr. Derek Hall becomes chief executive on February 1. County Bank: Mr Robert W Dutton joins as a senior assistant director in the corpor-

ate advisory division. Data-Ship UK: Mr Rose A Ross Belch and Mr Otto R Norland are now on the board.

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Hiroaki Yamataka is now a Mr & Mrs Reinsurance: Mr J Locke, becomes director on

Swiss RE"(UK): Mr G V Bayley and Mr J C G Standiffe have joined the board. Libra Bank; Sir Peter Macadam has been elected chair-

Hertz. Mr Tim Harford has been appointed UK operations

director.
Fairey Holdings: Mr Graham
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· Burson-Marsteller (London)

Mr Peter Rae and Mr Julian Stainton have been elected to the board. Hornes: Mr Peter Davis has become a non-executive direc

GEC: Mr Arthur Walsh, is now a director. DRG Public: Mr. J Moger

Woolley becomes chief execu-tive of all DRG's British operations on January 1 American Express: Mr Harry L Freeman has been elected vice-president.

Carl Byoir: Mr Gerald Rix has joined the board.

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100 22 0 '-1 0 -2 MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

few buyers of paper were noted Business was at a minimum at 9% per cent and 91% per cent. all round the various markets. Overnight money Optimism about the chances of a 9 per cent base rate before the new year has wanted in the face of a sheky pound, and the

market has nothing to go for in the ran-up to Christmas:
Period rates showed only trifling adjustments to overnight

Trade, was confined to the short end of the market where a

anchored at 91/2 to 91/4 per cent for most of the session. The close was rather tight after the Bank of England

under-provided in its money market operations to the tune of

about £125 million. The rate hit 11 per cent at the finish. Local authorities showed no interest.



Psed Rate Starling Export Finance Scheme 1 Average reference rate for interest period November, 1984 to 4 December, 198-inclusive 9.904 per cord. FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar was subject to wide fluctuations in thin and erratic trading. With Christmas approaching, and the corre-sponding reluctance to adopt new positions, rumours selling orders or central bank intervention were blamed for the dollar movements.

After opening above the DNI3,1000 level in London, the dollar fell back to about DMI3.0700, when, according to some dealers, there was central bank intervention. The US currency closed lower

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against the Deutschemark at DM3.0620 (DM 3.0715). STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

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COMPANY NEWS

• PEGLER-HATTERSLEY: Results for half year to September 29, dividend 5.25p (5p) (figures in £00): Turnover 75,000 (73,830), trading profit. 4,700 (4,517), pretax profit 8,377 (7,870) after exceptional debits 154 (debit 306) but including related companies 2,921 (2,839) and interest 910 (820). Tax 4,004 (3,719) EPS 14.3p (13.6p).

BRISTOL OIL AND MINERALS: The company has acquired a 51% interest in Mainline Resources, which has a contract with Periamina, the Indonesian state oil company to enhance recovery of oil from the Bunyu Island field, off East Kalimantan. Peak production from the field has been up to

10.500 barrels per day and is currently at about 3,800bpd.

BOOKER MCCONNELL:
Booker Agriculture international has acquired 80% of W. and F fish products for about £3.1 million in cash. In a ments." separate transaction BAI pur-chased Wonderfood Investments, whose sole asset is the Central and Sheerwood results for freehold premises occupied by W and F. The consideration

was £400,000 in cash. HARRIS QUEENSWAY:
The company plans to sell
Bakers Household Stores (Leeds) and the Queensway home textiles division to Poundstretcher, which is 75% owned by Harris Queensway with the remaining 25% owned by Mr S Freamley and Mr P P Appell. The proposal is to sell all of the issued share capital of Bakers for a consideration £6,291,049.

 C. H. INDUSTRIALS:
results for six months to September 29: dividend 0.45p (0.4p) on increased capitaliza-tion. (Figures in £000): turnover 10.042 (8.810), operating profit 490 (324), pretax profit 503 (317), including associates share 13 (7 debut), tax 35 (29); minorities nil (18 credit), EPS 2.79p (2.15p).

e. G. R. (HOLDINGS): The chairman, Mr. A. D. Stalbow, reports: The year has seen its share of problems, not least of which was the integration of Morlands into the Glastonbury complex. a process which is not ten process. which is not yet complete.

GROSYENOR PRESS: Mr. Martin Kinney, the company chairman, reports: "In view of the

current level of orders being received, I am cautiously optimistic on the prospects for the current vear".

• CRAMPHORN: Mr Alan Bacon, the chairman, says: It would be unwise to suggest that conditions for the current year will be as favourable as they were last, but with the steps which have been

niken and the present sound base of the company, I am hopeful that it should show a modest improvement in teach." in tesulus" ROUTLEDGE AND KEGAN
PAUL: Results for the six months to September 30, (figures in £000) show a turnover of 2,933 (2,561) operating profit of 151 (26) and interest at 47 (75). Pretax profit totalled 105 (loss 49). Earnings per share rose to 9.1p (loss 4.4p). But no interim dividend (nil) is being paid out Shares rose to 251p up 6p.

• EDBRO (HOLDINGS): An interim dividend of 2p (same) is being paid. Results for the six months to September 30 (figures in million pounds) indicate sales of 9.2

million pounds) indicate sales of 9.2 (9.9), trading profit of 1.1 (1.2), and pretax profit of 1 (1.1) after interest charge of 0.1 (0.1). Earnings per share were 11p (12p). Shares slipped to 117p down 5p.

FINE ART DEVELOPMENTS: Results for the six months to September 30. (figures in £000) indicate as 1 transvers. of 51 200 to september 30. (ligures in 2000) indicate a turnover of 52,880 (38,505), operating profit of 2,376 (1.249) and pretax profit of 462 (155). Earnings per share were 0.535p (0.198p). Shares were unchanged at 78p. An interim dividend of 1.1p (same) is being naid.

paid.
THE SCOTTISH AND MERCANTILE INVESTMENT: The chairman, Mr Dennis Poore, says in his statement: "The outlook remains promising. Political developments in both Britain and the USA appear favourable to economic progress and with it to your (shareholders') company's invest-

the six months to June 30 (figures in £s) show a turnover of 37,588 25) snow a unmover of 37,358 (40,020) and group trading profits of 556 (916). The chairman, Lord Eden, says the overall group position is likely to be held steady is the second half and it is still the firm expectation that the group will return to prolitability in 1985. No interim dividend has been declared. Shares slipped to 71/2p, down 1/2p.

• GIBBS MEW: Results for the six months to September 30 last (figures in £900) show group turnover of: 8337.1 (8660.2), operating profit of 394.4 (484.5). operating profit of 394.4. (484.5), and extraordinary income of 100.2 (nil). Group profit before tax totalled 494.6 (484.5) with tax at 160.0 (145.0). Earnings per share slipped to 4.2p (6.1p). Shares were unchanged at 140p. An interim dividend of 1.1p (same) has been declared. declared.

• KEYSTONE INVESTMENTS:

• KEYSTONE INVESTMENTS:

A. final, dividend of 6p (same);
making 10p (9.64p adjusted) is
being paid. Results for the year to
October 31 last (figures in £000)
indicate a total income of 1.505
(1,8) and pretax revenue of 1.278
(1,045) with tax at 444 (361). Net
asset value per share is 428p (347p
adjusted). adjusted).

• FAIRLINE BOATS: A final dividend of 1.5p (1p) making 2.625p (1.75p) is being paid. Results for the 12 months to September 30 (figures in 2000) indicate a turnover of 6.398 (5.201), prelax profit of 402 (246) and tax at 150 (91.5) Earnings per share rose to 7.2p (4.4p). The company shairs and tax at 150 (91.5) for the company of company chairman states that the current year has started well with strong demand for all Fairling models. Exports are currently running at over 70 per cent of

production.

• GRESHAM HOUSE: Results for the six months to June 30 (figures in £000) show dividend and interest income of 148 (162), rental income of 472 (467) and income from subsidiaries et 181 (96). Tend from subsidiaries at 181 (96). Total income was 801 (725) with pretax profit at 185 (63) after administrative expenses and interest of 616 (662). Earnings per share were 3.6p (3.0p) and shares were unchanged at 215p. An interim dividend of 1.4p WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: The company is paying an Interim dividend of 3p (2) for the half-year to September 30. The increased dividend is in line with the improved trading performance in the first half, and also reflects the desire to reduce the past disparity between the interim and final dividends. Results (figures in £000) show a turnover of 34,036 (1.817), and preiax profit of 2.532 (1.817), and preiax profit of 2.460 (1.653) with tax at 1.288 (854). Earnings per share rose to 5.83p

HOLDEN HYDROMAN: An interim dividend of 0.975p is being poid for the half-year to September 30. Results, with figures in £000, show a turnover of 1,973 (1,522), pretax profit of 157 (192) and tax at 55 (nil). Earnings per share were 2.71p (5.44p on old capital). Shares were unchanged at 105p.

J A DEVENISH: Final 9.25p making 11.5p (10.25p) for year to September 28 (figures in £000): Turnover 23,352 (22,159). Pretax profit 2,057 (1,924), tax 671 (726), extraordinary loss 457 (72 profit), attributable profit 929 (1270), EPS 37.3p (32.2p). Wines, soft drinks and ciders. All increased drinks and ciders. All increased. although beer volumes were down by 2.2 per cent which is close to the national trend.

• LAWTEX: Mr Peter Schaefer, chairman, told shareholders the umbrella division's profitability received a setbak from the recent drought, which tended to mask progress. However, Xetal, the small division specializing in the supply of computer systems to the clothing industry, has developed and launched a number of new products.

ONORTHERN FOODS: The company has agreed to sell the assets and business of Patrick Cudahy (Winsconsin) to Smithfield Foods of Virginia. Patrick Cudahy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Prestige Foods (formerly Bluehird). The price is about \$29 million (£24) and is subject to the approval of certain government agencies.

• TIGER OATS. The board is budgeting for an increase in earnings per share in the present financial year. It is intended to make at least one significant acquisition:

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INDUSTRY TODAY

Undeclared war being waged for the ECGD

Britain's troubled export agency is labouring under the burden to two masters

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Mr Paul Channon, the Minister of State for Trade, will give evidence on Wednesday to the House of Commons Trade and Industry Committee inves-tigating the Export Credits Department (ECGD), an organization best known for suddenly Opplunging £400 million into debt (to the Treasury) after 65 mostly profitable years of insuring British exports.

He has arguably made the committee's questions redundant by announcing last month that he was rejecting (much to the disappointment of the CBH the advice of the Matthews Committee to turn ECCD into a public corporation.

But interest in ECGD has remained high. The questions many industrialists would like to ask Mr Channon are: "Are you having a battle with Mr. Niggl Lawson, the Chanceller, over ECGD funding? And: "Are you going to win?"

Sir Raymond Lygo, mana-ging director of British Aerospace, virtually asked them this week. He told MPs that, in partnership with the French Germans and Italians, he has orders worth £400 million waiting to be signed by Turkay. for 40 Tornado fighter aircraft and seven Airbuses, with an option on seven more - worth another £140 million. He is likely to lose the order.

he explained, because ECGD is not being allowed to provide the usual 85 per cent cover, unlike other European countries' credit

The Government's advice is that 50 per cent ECGD insurance will be there - but only if the private sector finds the other half. Banks and insurers, Sir Raymond said, run from military aircraft deals (such planes are not recoverable assets if the customer government is overthrown) and do not like the exceptionally long term finan-cing required for civil sales.

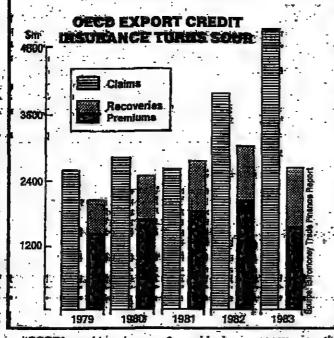
"Unless British Acrospace was prepared to take the recourse onto its own balance sheet, which it is not prepared to do, the order will be last," Sir

Raymond said. He agreed that it is "abso-

Companies which has 300 members. His industry general industry argues that the ates 2 per cent of GDR, 8 pen Treasury insistence on itsoking cent of manufactured emports: at ECGINs balance on at year-mid an annual trade surplus on by-year accounting basis, when and an annual trade surplus on by-year accounting basis, when its own goods of about \$1.3 it has to instite deals of up to

He feels that he ought to be heard and wrote to Mr Lawson to say so. He was told to take his case up with Mr Channon.

In that answer lies the problem created by ECGD's mandate to promote imports at no net cost to the taxpayers. It has been given two masters with apparently differing ideas.



"ECGD's problem is not of its own making." Sir Raymond said. "They have to get ministerial of Cabinet approval. I Believe that a major concern

exists within the Treasury. believe that the DTI is prepared to take what I regard as a more realistic view of Turkish creditworthiness, in line with our view. Like any other citizen, we have right of access to the Chancellor if he will see us." There is an undeclared tussie

going on between the DAT (which theoretically councils ECGD) and the which funds it and which at present, appears to have the whip hand). Big project contractors felt its

impact last week. They were told that, it they want insurance against exchange rate losses incurred in the lenthy period-between bidding for and winning a foreign currency contract, it will cost them up to almost four times as much.

The fact that ECGDa has 80 bilds, potentially worth £3 billion, currently insured is a measure of British contractors' desperation to go for any business, rather than a buoyant market: The higher premiums, which will cost them millions each time they bid for something like a power station. will they have told Government, make them uncompatitive

ECGD has every one of its loss-making facilities under review: Currently being closely lutely right" that, having lost scrutified is the External round one in the battle tosellito. Trade Scheme - which largely Turkey, Bosing would then win guarantees deals done by the round two merchanting community for because to goods which go from one

touching British shores. eight years, is a regime no private insurer would have to

suffer.
Another former ECGD specialist. Mr Donald Ward, general secretary of the Berne Union, the club of 42 state and private credit insurance, last month told, Euromoney Trads Finance Report: "In the good old days, nobody realised we

could lose money in this

How does ECGD rate in the bad new days? The magazine showed that, of the 19 major CECD countries, only three had export credit agencies in profit-last year: Portugal (\$2m). Australia (\$4.4) and New Zealand (just \$400,000).

It could be argued that ECGD simply leader so much worse off because it is so mpair biggers Borung Pa Costs agranging worth of exports last year (15 per cent of its country's total). Atistria's OKB; which was theoretically most exposed (with 35 per cent of total foreign sales); was outinsured by ECGD by more than

ECGD share of national exports dropped from 33.9 percent in 1982, but Japan's EID/Min's share fell from 38.4 to 30:3 per cent

exporter to head those two in terms of percentage of exports covered; increase by 1 per cent to 34 - with its agency. Coface, making a \$442.3m loss on \$35.31 billion insured.

Remarkably, FCIA/Exim-bank insured only 3:75 per cent of US experts, and still regis-tered a \$102.8 million deficit on business worth \$7,52 billion. 😷 There is certainly a tenden

for the British to look at ECGE in isolation, which is unfair. Criticism of past imperfect management, though, are nor

What will be most interesting is whether it will subject to regarded in a non-divil school fashion. Current thinking in the DTI suggests that it needs more If that is backed up by the

"short, sharp review" by con-sultants Coupers and Lybrand; due to take about another three months, the Cabinet will have to decide not on whether it should make money more readily available for exporters but whether it should exceptionally, be making more money available for ECGD

John Lawless

Bass pulls away in brewery stakes

Bass's full-year figures prob-ably mark a milestone in summise for some years is fastbecoming fact - the group has stolen an unassailable lead in

Profits ahead by 25 per cent on a sales gain of just 13 per cent look attractive, but the underlying trading position is even more compaisive.

Sales of lager, the high margin money-spinner, now account for about 46 per cent of Bass's brewing business, an improvement on 1982-83.

This gives the company just ver a quarter of the United Kingdom lager market, up by one percentage point. Ale sales for-1983-84 were maintained in market share of about 1/2

Putting the figures another way, Bass's sales gain includes price rises of about 7 per cent, which in turn assumes a volume improvement of about

The sector average volume gain was 1/2 per cent. Allied-Eyons was about in line with this, while Whitbread definitaly dipped below it. . The group's flow of funds

statement is equally revealing. Funds generated totalled £300 million; but working capital needs fell some £5 million, after a squeeze on stocks. Thus, even after £180 million of capital expanditure net-liquid ty improved by nearly £60 million. Interest charges fell £5

Again, this position is in marked contrast to Bass's main competitors, where gearing has been rising. This in turn constrains freedom to constrains freedom to manoeuvre, Significantly, Bass has not closed a brewery for

The gap between Bass and the rest may widen again this year. It plans to tunnel away at competition via £263 million of capital spending on pub refurbishment, rather than price cutting, and returns here must come through fairly

Equally, brewing analysts must, for the time being, find it well night impossible to recommend any other stock but-Bass as the core holding in the sector, a useful increment to the credit rating, as the group prepares to spend £200 million on hotel acquisitions.

London's shift to a two-tier market will only exaggerate the disparity between Bass and the rest. The shares closed 3p shead at 431p.

Hansen Trust

The relentless rise of Hanson Trust continues. Even by its own: high standards, Lord Hanson's bricks and batteries to stores and engineering combine surpassed itself in the year to the end of September.

Pretax profits rose from £91.1 million to £169.1 million. The group's last two big acqui-sitions, London Brick and US Industries, helped but even after strioping out a first-time contribution-net of financing costs ofabout £20 million, the underlying rate of growth is still 64 per

It would be silly for Hanson to be modest about such a brewing What has been performance. Even so the statement accompanying the figures was perhaps a little overthe-top. It said: "The company is-

dedicated to entrepreneurial growth and the board is confident that its unremitting attention to the philosophy which has been so successful fo 21 years will continue to bring rewards for shareholders in 1985 and the year ahead."

Self eulogies apart, it is difficult to find fault with much Hanson is doing at the moment. If proof were needed of the Hanson magic, just look at the figures for British Ever Ready, which was perhaps the outstanding group performer

BOC has limbo-danced its way out of the troubled welding business by taking losses of £36 million below the line (as well as £6-million losses pretax), and these is turn are more than covered by £50 million plus of extraordinary profits. Gearing is about 44 per cent, and swollen by currency translation effects.

Nevertheless, the quality of BOC earnings in 1984-85 looks slightly suspect. Gases, still two-thirds of group profits, enjoyed a marvellous year on the back of the US economic recovery. The health care side looks

olid enough, but the best boost for the group would undoubt-edly come from a dollar devaluation. At 252p, the shares must benefit from an easier money policy from the Federal Reserve.

Ferranti

Ferranti's relentless surge onward and upward continued yesterday with the announcement of another 25 per cent increase in interim profits to £18,5m. Over the last five years it has averaged a growth rate of 30 per cent, putting its larger companions in the electronics sector in the shade.

While some of the big players have seen growth slowing and order books shrinking, Ferranti is able to report the opposite. The order book is 25 per cent up on last year and now stands at a record level, more significantly, the orders are coming in across the range of its activities.

Ferranti still refuses to: provide a breakdown of divsional performance at the interim stage, but it has clearly been a period of improvement on all froms. Production division appear, however, to have been overcome and its result was a big factor in the first half growth.

Talk of a takeover for the

company, should there be a restructuring within the electronics sector, now seems misplaced. The strength of the shares shed just 20 on the announcement of the results down to 178p. They do look expensive, but it is hard to find a company in the sector which can better Ferranti's prospects Any rewards will be in the long,

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Index slips on growing fears of bank cash call

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Fears that a leading bank is about to launch a rights issue helped to unsettle the stock market yesterday. Shares of the big four clearers fell, with Barcleys, the favourite to seek more cash, lowered by 8p to

Ever since the Bank of England toughened the rules on what constitutes bank equity and loans, there has been a growing feeling that a cash call is imminent: With the long-running British Telecom flotation completed, the way is clear for one of the banks toreplenish its coffers.

The Budget also took its toll of bank balance sheets, and in July National Westminster beat its rivals to the nunch when it announced a £236 million rights

Midland last raised cash from shareholders in August last year when it pulled in £155 million.

Penny & Giles International, the high technology engineering group, starts life on the USM next week after a placing of 23.5 per cent of its shares at 130p cach by Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker. Most of the 2,115,384 shares sold come from existing shareholders. About

sold to raise £530,000. At the placing price Penny & Giles, which is known for its development of the "black box" flight recorder, is valued at £11.7 million, on. a . price/earnings ratio of about 22 at the standard

Royal Bank of Scotland raised £41.5 million in April

Lloyds, which has the healthiest of the bank balance sheets but may still feel obliged to sek more cash; fell 12p to 497p. Nat West dropped 12p to 564p and Midland 8p to 359p. Lloyds also came in for extra

market attention as City men ried to work out the timing of the bank's reduction of its stake in the Royal Bank of Scotland. Just a year ago Lloyds increased its holding from 16 per cent to 21 per cent, and subsequently became embroiled with the Department of Trade, which took a dislike to Lloyds's actions. As a result, the big bank promised in June to cut its stake to 16 per cent "within a Analysts believe the end of that "period" must be close,

and the thought knocked Royal Bank shares 8p lower to 226p. It is thought that Lloyds would like to find one buyer for the 5cannot be done the market must of shares coming through. A Lloyds spokesman said: We never comment on market

гитоиг.` Equities suffered another dull

day with the FT 30-share index declining 6.5 points to 908.4 points. It had been down 8.2 points earlier. The more broadly based FT-

SE share index was 7.1 points down at the close. Sine the euphoria which accompanied. Monday's Telecom launch, shares have looked decidely jaded. The FT 30-share index has now fallen for the three full days of BT's stock market life.

Telecom shares again enjoyed compare well with the 285p an active session, but closed lp striking price set in May. lower at 88p. In the opening burst they touched 97p.

BT, although successfully launched, continues to dominate market sentiment. The institutional buying which was forecast to follow the sale has so far been absent.

able selling in early trading yesterday. But a fine array of company results - such as Bass and Hanson Trust - eased the pressure which had in part been due to worries about the American economy and the recent moor Wall Street show-

ing. Government stocks displayed little life, hovering around their overnight levels.

engineering section, rose 13p to 155p following the sale of its South African offshoot, LRC International responded to a brokers' talk-in with a 6p gain

Bass, after dipping to 412p on its year's figures, gathered strength as the day progressed,

closing at 436p, an 8p rise on the day. Prices on the USM pitches were looking blood-stained by the end of the day, with computer and high technology

stocks particularly battered. The Spillage followed the announcement from Acorn Computers that it is withdrawing from US market because of

poor sales since the venture ocean in autumn 1983. Acorn had hoped to take as much as 10 per cent of the American home computers market with its BBC micro, but met many difficulties, including ficite competition from Apple.

the US computer maker which

was already well-established in

the educational sector. Yesterday Acom's share price tumbled 14p to 61p - a long way off the 120p striking price when the compay came to the

stock market 14 months ago. Other share prices suffered in sympathy, with Microvitec, which began a bulk sales push the United States this summer, falling 8p to 135p. The company produces computer peripherals, such as display screens and power units. Applied Computer Tech-

ques, a fully-listed share, was

Morgan Communications, the give-away newspaper group, is venturing into the highly competitive world of exhibitions. Its first venture is the South Eastern Motor Show at Goodwood. Sussex, next July. Meanwhile, the company seems set for full-years profits nudging £800,000, against £509,000. The shares eased 1p to 106p yesterday.

knocked back 17p to 255p. ACT also recently initiated a big marketing effort in the US for its Apricot personal computers.

. Wordplex: a computer software producer which joined the full market earlier this year, has alreay announced a restructuring of its operations in the US. and showed the effects of market concern with a 10p.loss to 170p. That makes a 20p fall two daysnd does not

At Aeronautical & Instruments there was mixed news. Alongside the interim results, the company revealed a bid approach. Nothing more is being said at the moment, but the shares were soon talking. They rose 50p to 373p at one stage, but later settled for a 35p

at the half year profits at AGL. These were heavily down, at £46,000 against £346,000 in first half 1983. Again, there is no interim dividend. Johnson Matthey closed 3p down at 68p. The Charter Consolidated rescue package

rise to 358p. The trimming

came when market men looked

was approved yesterday. Charter's other worry. Cape Indus-tries, tumbled a further 10p to 37p and Charter itself lost 10p

Goring Kerr, the electronics group spun off from last ven, continued to enjoy American upport and gained 15p to 435p,

The revitalized Arthur Guinnes and Sons could produce profus of up to £70 million, against £58.8 million, in the year to last September, say Mr Neil Scourse and Mr Tom Corran at Fielding, Newson-Smuth, the stockbroker, Gunness shares fell 3p to 176p yesterday.

Northern Foods, following its US sale and ahead of next week's interim results, advanced Sp to 210p. The market is not expecting much excitement. About £23.5 million seems the average expectation against last year's £26.4 million half-time figure. Exco International, the burgeoning financial supermarket, fell 10p to 533p despite news

that the group has secured another piece in its global jigsaw. It is paying \$10 million (£8.3 million) for a 40 per cent stake and a chunk of loan capital in Blackman Garlock Flynn & Co., a California merchant bank specializing in real estate. Body Shop did its bit to push

down the USM index. The shares lost 20p yesterday, to 400p, still on the back of adverse comment. Other main losers on the

secondary market included Cornell, down 10p at 208p, Miss World, 10p lower at 195p, and Spring Ram, which fell 7p to 166p. By the close, the Datastream USM index showed a 1.97 point loss to 104,18. An 86 per cent profits surge

and scrip issue left Hanson Trust 9p better at 276p, but BOC Group's figures pushed shares 3p down at 252p. Great Universal Stores "A" on betterthan-expected results gained 5p

Worries that the cement price increase may be postponed trimmed Blue Circle Industries 8p to 455p.
Oil shares rallied after it

became known that the British National Oil Corporation would allow more North Sea oil to flow through to the spot market. Gresham House, the invest-

ment group, rose 18p to 225p following trebled profits.



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Increased Turnover and Profits

| Year ended June 30 | 1984 1983 £m £m |
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| Turnover Profit before tax | 13.9 13.3 1:32 1.21 |
| Profit after tax Earnings per share | 0.82 0.74 8.0p 7.2p |

Mr. S. Beckman, Chairman, reports:

original estimates.

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- Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Secretary, 111-113 Great Portland Serent, London WIN-5FA.

Abaco buys mortgage broker

By Cliff Feltham.

Abaco Investments - the oriner Greencoal Properties took another step towards creating a mini financial services group yesterday when it took 'full' control of John Charcol; one of Britain's largest mortgage brokers, in a deal which will involve a total outlay f £2.8 million.

Mr Time Razzall: the Abaco chairman who first took a 20 per cent stake in Charcol in the spring, says it is arranging £150 million of mortgages a year nutring it in the same league as top 20-building societies. Charcol, set up 10 years ago by Mr John Garfield and Mr Charles Wishart who will stay

on to run the business, is expected to make profits before

year, against £150,000 ...Charcol - which fixes mort-gages of between £39,000 and £80,000 and carns income from insurance linked advances - has a morigage advisory service and two estate agents, with plans to open others.

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| Profit before taxation [after charging depreciation £36,813,000 (last year £29,022,000)] Deduct: Taxation | 105,107 | 92,232 |
| [1984 — estimated effective rate for year (1983 — actual rate for year)] | 44,150 | 37,640 |
| Profit after taxation | 60,957 | 54,592 |
| Deduct: Minority interests | 28 | 45 |
| Preference dividends of Parent Company | 35 | 35 |
| | 63 | 80 |
| Profit after taxation attributable to the ordinary stockholders | 60,894 | 54,512 |
| Earnings per stock unit | 24.32p | ·21.77p |
| Interim dividend declared | 6:25p | 5.5p |
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and will be paid on 29th March, 1985 to ordinary stockholders

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The Graduate Enterprise Programme, which is claimed to be the first of its kind in England, will offer the successful applicants training at Cranfield and counselling.
David Trippier, Minister for Small

Businesses who launched the scheme, says the government is keen on following the United States example, where the small business - principally in the high technology sector - has

been the major source of new jobs.

Mr Trippier said: In the late 1950's and the 1960's priority was given to the large company competing in world markets. The UK is a late-comer to the small business cause."

By Philip Robinson

The Institute of Directors is currently fielding more than 500 orders for its 180-page guide* to how a director may lose his shirt without even realizing it

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Melbourne (Reuter) - The Navratilova said afterwards. va, who won her first major title less than three weeks ago, yesterday joined one of the smallest clubs in the world players who have beaten Mar-

hopes of winning a record seventh successive grand slam title, the grand slam in one calendar year and her 100th purnament when she tri-amphed 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the

The defeat, only the sixth for Miss Naviatilova in three years, ended a record 74-match winning streak. She was last beaten by another young Czechoslo-vak, Hana Mandikova, in the final of a tournament in Oakland, California, in January. Chris Lloyd, yesterday's other semi-final victor, had a convincing 6-3, 6-3 win over

Miss Naviatilova unleashed a string of forchand winners to stave off five match points yesterday. But her tall opponent, winner of the Brisbane Classic on November 18, steadfastly refused to be deprived of victory.

Miss Sukova, aged 19, who served consistently well-throughout, broke Miss Navratilova's serve twice early in the third set for a 3-0 lead, but the defending champion battled back courageously to 5-5. Miss Sukova broke again for 6-5. then put together six match points in the twelfth game. Miss Navratilova fought off five but on the sixth her return slipped



Chapter closed: the world No 1 after defeat

Miss Dreyer calmly takes command

By Lewine Mair

that she still has no regrets about the decision she made to opt out of her appending marriage in codes to pusses her tennis career.

Miss Ekblom, a delightful but oddiy doleful character, won 7-6, 6 against Nathalie Ballet, of Fran

Kirsten Drever, aged 15, the Miss Ballet, who had been beaten in holder of the United States 16 and the qualifying stages of each of the under indoor title, will meet today previous commaments, continued to the massuming Elizabeth Ekblom, surprise both herself and her coach of Sweden, in the final of the fourth early in the match with her newearly in the match with her new-found confidence, however, after she had lost the first set tie-break 8-

GOLF

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Ballesteros resists challenge of Faldo

By Clive White

Don: Berle, the man the Football Association tried to ban for 10 years

1977 when he deserted his job as the England manager for a £340,000 four-year contract with the United

Arab Emirates. England were struggling misraccessfully to qualify for the World Cup finals at the time.

However, Revie successfully fought the FA ban in the High Court two

which has a shoringe of annous names and personalities. Revie, now aged 57, said in a television interview yesterday. I never thought I would get back into a tracksuit. This would give me a chance for five to six months to find

Facelift

by Millwall

Plans meane run terrace covering, grading of the porth terrace so seating can be provided if required, new turnstiles, toilets and kiosks. The club will also explore ways of

planned

Sun City, South Africa (Retter) – Nick Faldo of Britan took four putts on the last hole to finish one stroke behind the leader and defending champion, Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain: lafter the first round of the million dollar challenge tournament here yesterday. 69, with Faldo and Tom Kits, of the US, one stroke behind. incurred the wrath of the nation in

Faldo, the joint runners-up last year, had taken command with a two-inder-par inree at the 6.27-yard second hole, and gained a third shot to par on the next hole. Ballesteros pulled back with three birdies, Faldo had another birdie and then went one over par on the next hole to put them level on 33, three under par, after nine holes, three ahead of the nearest challenger. the FA han in the High Court two years later, but not before Mr Justice Cantley had described him as "greedy, selfish and deceitful". Revie admitted later: "I think a lot of the stick I received was deserved. I shouldn't have left until the qualifying matches were over."

His return to club management would stimulate English football, which has a shortage of famous names and personalities. Revie, now aged 57, said in a television earest challenger.
They were the only two players to

break par on the first nine, but Kite came into contention after the turn, producing four birdles but dropping two strokes after going out in 36. producing four birdles but dropping two strokes after going out in 36. The first Japanese player to be invited to the tournament, Isao Aola, could manage only a 76 to finish in joint last place with the South African, Gary Player, who designed the course.

Ballesteros, who established a tournament record 274 last year towin by five shots, pronounced

win by five shots, pronounced himself happy with his 69. "I think-my game could be a little better— but I would take three more 69s

oute happily," he said.

The tournament, in the nominally independent state of Boohuthatswana, carries a first prize of \$300,000 (£250,000).

Kathy Whitworth dominated the first round of the women's golf challenge match which has been introduced alongside the man's tournament for the first time.

Five US players are disputing the first prize of \$65,000 (£55,000) and already Whitworth looks well set to take it with 72, level par, which putsher four strokes ahead of Donma Caponi, Laura Cole, and South African-born Sally Little, with Beth Daniel three strokes further back on 79. The women's tournament, over

Daniel three strokes purtner pack on 79. The women's tournament, over 54 holes, ends tournament, over 54 holes, ends tournament, over 68. Selestions (Sp), 70; N Faido (SB), T kin (US), 72; B Grenshaw (US), D Watson (SA), 76; G. Norman (Aus), R Floyd (US), L Trevino (US), 78; I Add (Japan), G Pleyer (SA).

· Alex Hay is to next month become managing director of Woburn Golf and Country Chib, where he has been the professional since 1977. Hay, aged 51, began his then became an assistant and eventually a club professional. He has been a senior member of the RGA teaching and training com-mittee, has written five golf books, and is a member of the BBC television commentary team.

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Doug-TABLE TENNIS Desmond Doug-ly, the winner for the last three years, faces suff opposition for the Charles Church fille at Wembley on January 12. Among his challengers will be China's national champion, Wei Qing Quang, and Ulf Bengt-sson, the European title holder,

or walking out on the national team, is poised to teture to club management in this country after an management in this country after an absence of seven years. Jim Gregory, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers, has placed him at the head of his list of preferred managers to inspeed Alan Mullery and met life last night to discuss the appointment. It seems the contract will last until the med of the season, when it will be reviewed. Revie incurred the wrath of the nation in

Deserter Revie poised to find

Revie: 'Suits me fine'

Terry Venables and Alan Mullery have done good jobs." The short contract would enable Gregory, rather than Revie, to keep his options open. The Rangers chairman is an admirer of John Lyall, the West Ham United manager, and tried to entice him over to Loftus Road in the Sammer before he signed Mullery. Lyall, over to Lorus Road in the summer before he signed Mullery, Lyall, part of the furniture at Upton Park, declined, but it is well known that the offer of a new four-year contract at West Ham is still unsigned. at West Ham is still unsigned.
Also by next summer David Piest,
another of Gregory's pre-Mullery
choices, would have had time to
resolve contractual problems if he were interested. If the talks with Revie collapse, Gregory might even leave Frank Sibley, the coach and a

"He unided: "I have been out for a ry charge. Revie was one of England's most ile, so I have a lot to learn about

an oasis at Loftus Road United, his only clab in that capacity. But Revie and his Leeds team had some critics who accused them of being cynical and stereotyped. At their best they were a reliable, well-olled machine.

reliable, well-oiled machine.

They were also unincity, but such was their domination in the late 1960s and early 1970s that they were, nevertheless, Lengue champions twice, Fairs Cup winners once and League Cup winners once in the Lague, three times in the FA Cup, once in the Fairs Cup, once in the Cup Winners' Cup and once, most painfully and underservingly, in the European Cup.

Cap.
Such a record made him the obvious choice as the manager of England when the position became vacuat in 1974 with the dismissal of Alf Ramsay. But he was smable to transfer his club capabilities to the international area. We need decree international arena. He used do of players in an attempt to please everyone, particularly the media, and in the end failed catastrophi-cally, compared to Ramssay. His success at Leeds had been built up over many years of close, almost fatherly, affinity with the players. But with England he did not have the time. He will be remembered instead just for the monetary increases he gained everyone in the England set-up and everyone in the England set-up and the fancy kit he arranged for the

the ranky to he arranged for the players.

After grabbing the money in 1977, he remained in the Middle East because of the foundal results and the ill-feeling felt for him in England, and he returned only recently to his Survey home;

Chelsea without top goalscorer

Chelsea will be without Kerry Dixon for their match against Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow. Dixon, the League's leading goal scorer with 20, is ruled out by knee ligament trouble. Derek Johnstone, the former Scottish international makes his debut alongside Gordon Davies, who also makes his first appearance since moving form

nearer to a multi-million pound redevelopment of the Den. The third division club have signed contracts with SDA to build a superstore on adjoining land. If Lewisham council grant planning permission, Millwall's chairman, Alan Thorne, says: "Every inch of the ground wil be upgraded."

Plans include full terrace covering, grading of the pount terrace so Eligi Johnson, of Iceland, visited Sheffield Wednesday yesterday. The 18-year-old international, who passed his medical examination, said he was waiting for a work

offering facilities for use by local people. Thorne said: "My relatives, built the ground and, with our centenary year in 1985, it is my aim to reestablish the ground and club for a further hundred years." permit. Garth Crooks returns Garth Crooks returns against Newcastle at White Hart Lane 10H10TTOW. He replaces Clive Allen. Everton will bring in Andy Gray for only his second full game of the

season at Queen's Park Rangers. He replaces the leading scorer Adrian Heath, who faces a lengthy lay off Heath, who faces a lengthy lay off following a knee operation.

Luton winger David Moss hopes to be recalled against Aston Villa to help their fight against First Division relegation. The 32-year-old has missed the last four games with a hamstring injury. David Preece, a £150,000 signing from Walsali, makes his First Division debut in midfield.

● Sammy Neison, the Arsenal and Northern defender who was assistant to the Brighton and Hove Albion manager, Chris Cattlin, until a month vesterday he had not resigned, was asked to go by Cattlin.

Telford will play old hands and best non-League forward

Giantkillers threaten Preston

the FA Cup and losing finalists as recently as 1984, they entertain Telford United; currently nonntkillers, in the second round of

giantkillers, in the second round of this season's competition. Telford's Cup record over the last three seasons is remarkable. They have knocked on Wigan Athletic, Stockport County, Northampton Town, Rochdale and Lincoln City, Stockport County, 1907 pannous.
Town, Rochdale and Lincoln City,
and have lost only twice in 11 games
against League opposition: 2-1 to
Transcere Hovers in a second round perby two years ago and 3-2 to Derby County in last season's fourth round. Stan Storton, Telford's manager,

Sinn Storton; Telford's manager, said: "Our team consists of quality players who love the challenge of Cup games against League opposition because it gives them the chance to show how good they are. They've got nothing to lose in these matches because they know they'll be back at thier jobs on Monday whatever happens, whereas the whatever bappens, whereas the League players know thier fiveli-hoods depend on their results."

FA CUP

one of the most attractive teams in the Gola-League, drew 1-1 at Lincoln in the first round and won the replay 2-1 on their own ground. They travel to Deepdale in the knowledge that Preston, who are attempting to avoid relegation to the Fourth division for the first time in

form. After a run of 15 games with only one victory, Storton recently recalled all members of last season's recalled all members of last season's successful Cup side: Lewis, Eaton, Joseph and Alcock, and Telford have since gone seven matches without defeat. The revival has also coincided with the return after a cartilage operation of Williams, Williams, a plumber, scored both

goals in the replay victory over Lincoln and has scored more goals in the Gold League than any other player. Storton fails to understand why League clubs have not tried to sign him. "In all our matches against League sides I baven't seen another forward fit to lace his

hoots", he said.

Williams, who missed Telford's last match with an ankle injury but seems certain to return against Preston, is one of several players who have followed Storton on his was never tonowed Statute on and sunnagerial travels around the North West. Storton, now a window cleaner, played for Bradford City, Darlington, Hartlepool United and Transmere Rovers in a long League career and has since made a name for himself as one of the best for himself as one of the best managers in the non-League game. He is wise enough not to predict the outcome of tomorrow's match but believes Telford have their fate **Paul Newman**

their plans for Southend The consortium which had been

Group abandon

The consortium which had been hoping to take over the shares belonging to Anton Johnson, the majority shareholder at the fourth division club, Southend United, have abandoned their plans.

Alan Gershick, a spokesman for the consortium, said numerous

meetings with Mr Johnson since October had broken down and agreement was now impossible. At a meeting on Wednesday, Mr Johnson lost control of the board.
Michael Cranston, his solicitor,
resigned as chairman and the leader
of the consortium, Vic Jobson, was in a statement the club said they

would continue to act independently of Mr Johnson and would also seek the recovery of money which he allegedly owed the club.

as player-manager

Non-League football by Paul Newman

appointed player-manager of Bar-row. Kidd, aged 35, who made more than 450 appearances for Man-chester United, Arsenal, Manchester City, Everton and Bolton Wanderers, will work on a part-time basis for the Gola League club,

Bill McCullough, Barrow's chairman, said yesterday: "Brian has recently had offers to play for clubs in all four divisions, but he was keen to get into management. He could be just the man to get us back into

Kidd succeeds Peter McDonnell

FOR THE RECORD

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES Beth 64, Exiter 3;
Newbridge 10, Elemongen Wanderers 8.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: United Bank 15,
CMI Service 9.
SQUASH RACKETS
CURRENLAND CUP. First divisions Beckenhert 2, Lumbton 2, Cumbertand 3, North Middlesex 2; Woodford Walls 4, Caldeigh Park 1; Wimbledon 0, Cooffurst 5.

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KORAC CUP: Solycolombeni Canta 184, Hapoel Haita 85; Pall Varess 182, Remault Ghert 78, Milan 189, Stade Francais Paris 86; Orthez 97, El Gentol 76. RONCHETTI CUP: Pall Aveilino 73, BSE

BASKETBALL

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UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Boston Cellies 123, Dever Miggests 107; Philipselphia 76era 112, Milwaukse Bucks 111; Los Angeles Lakers 104, New Jersey Nets 93; Los Angeles Cappers 110, Dalas Mirvaricks. 106; Kanses City Kings 121, Atlanta Hawks 100.

WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

SKIING: SURPRISE WINNER IN WOMEN'S DOWNHILL

behind

first women's downhill race of the new Alpine World Cup season produced a dramatic first victory for Zoe Haas here yesterday. The 22-year-old Swiss, who failed to qualify for her national Olympic team, has been considering retiring after a five-year career during which her best result was a fifth place.

Ideas of retirement vanished when she recorded the day's best time of 1 min 26.30 see despite being the 37th competitor to take

Her surprise victory left Marina Kiehl, of West Germany, in tears, since the Munich skier had believed for half an hour that she had achieved her own second World

Cup win with a time of 1 min 26.35 sec. Instead, she had to settle for second place, ahead of another German, Irene Epple, who registered 1 min 26.55 sec.

Conditions were ideal on the well-

prepared piste and the favourites should have ruled the roost. The course, incorporating 34 gates and a

drop of 565 metres, was short and difficult, with its turns near the top.

Until Miss Hass pulled off her feat, prospects had looked dismal for the Swiss team as their Olympic

gold and silver medal winners, Michela Figim and Maria Walliser, were well and truly beaten by the German pair and Ariane Ehrat

failed to get a time in the top three. Miss Haas, who lived in Canada

overall World Cup, her best being 24th in 1981.

Miss Haas Britain go in search leaves of another medal the world From Sydney Friskin, Karachi

Great Britain the Bronze medal winners at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, have come a long way in their guest for another medal—to the six nations round-robin tournament for the Champions Trophy, which starts here today on the beamful artificial turi pitch at the

HOCKEY

Britain start the day's programme is the other countries taking part are. Netherlands, Australia, New Zea
Netherlands, Australia, New Zea-

umpires and officials who arrived here yesterday by air, 10 hours belind schedule, looked exhausted, but they were happy to learn that there are no fitness problems with the team. Bernie Cotton, the acting has played one match, against the United Bank whom they defeated 4-1, with two goals from Kerly one from Clift and one from Craig from

The small British contingent of

Spain, who finished eighth in Los Angeles, one place behind New Zealand are a hard side to beat, but Zealand are a hard side to beat, but they will be without one of their best forwards. Rocca, who has been suspended for two years after being sent off Los Angeles in the match against New Zealand, New Zealand came here in place of West. Germany, who withdrew because of a lack of interest in this tournament. British can be expected to defeat

more testing match comes tomor-row against Australia, who will be seeking revenge for the 3-2 defeat in the bronze medal play-off at. Los Angeles, Alan Berry, the Australian -manager, said yesterday that Australia had made five changes and the team were looking good Australia won this Tournament Australia won this tournament last year, but Pakistan, as the World Cup holders and the Olympic champions, will be favourites on their home ground. The two sides meet on December 14, in the presence of President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan, a match billed as the grande finale.

Tough task for Suffolk

By Joyce Whitehead

This weekend sees the end of the pre-tournament championship matches. At Orpington sports club, Suffolk (the holders) play Essex. Suffolk has a setback in November when Norfolk held them to a 2-2 draw. Essex have beaten Lincoin-shire 4-1 but the task for both teams may be tougher. Kent v Hertfordshire is the other East match.
All mine Midland counties will

also be in action with the old rivals Leicestershire and Staffordshire playing at Litteshall.

Much interest will be centred on.

the Nottinghamshire v Shropshire match at Highfields, Nottingham. match at Hightietos, Rottingman.
Shropshire are as yet unbeaten,
having won twice and drawn once.
Warwickshire paly Bedfordshire
at Warwick University and this may be a hard struggle. While Northamp-toachire and Wescesterahire at Sir Curistopher Hatton School in

Wellingborough could have refreshing outing. refreshing outing. Yvonne Dendy has been pro moted. She has already played in-both Berkshire matches, but as a reserve. On Sunday at Guildford she

will play in her own right in place of Sue ... Nichol. "Their opponents, Sarrey, am without Jeanene Brittin, Middlesex look strong although from 1962 to 1967, has never they are without Helen Stother. In finished in the top 20 places in the her place will be Sue Hobden. Middlesex have had two good wins



68, M.Langmur, 1:33.20; 71. IGrant, 1:35.23; WORLD CLIP OFERALL (arter two events): equal 3; M. Kiehi, M. Epple, IWG9; 20; equal 3; M. Kiehi, M. Epple, IWG9; 20; equal 5; J. Epple, P. Magori (0), 15; equal 7; E. Kirchier, T. AlcKiranyur (US), 12; equal 3; A. Ehrat, E. Hisss (Seitz), 11; equal 11, M. Gerg, M.-P. Querio (II), 10. RUGBY LEAGUE SNOOKER

> Parlitt, a former amateur youth international who is studying at Cardiff University
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> If the Welsh Students give a good If the Weish Students give a good account of themselves, the officials of MUSCARLA, the British Schools and Colleges. Amateur Rugby League Association will consider establishing an annual triangular tournament between English, Welsh and French students.

Andy Platt, the young St Helens second row forward, who was sent off for alleged biting, during the John Player Trophy second round game with Bradford Northern on Wednesday, could miss the Under-21 international between Great Britain and France at Albi on December 16. Platt will was sent off for alleged biting, by Mountain the John Player Trophy second round game with Bradford Northern on Wednesday, could miss the Under-21 international between Great Britain and France at Albi one December 16. Platt will appear before the disciplinary committee next Thursday.

Higgins and White win

Alex Higgins and Jimmy White, the fourth seeds, came safely through their first round match in the £150,000. Hofmeister world doubles championship in Nor-thampton; bearing Dave Martin and Graham Cipsey 5-2. But the outsiders went 2-0 ahead

before Higgins and White found

Doncaster well placed

For a team that had just been followed an eight-match winning beaten. John Carr Doncaster run with two defeats, sew neutrals seemed remarkably content on their return 10 Yorkshire in the early Vikings, who had just ended the hours of yesterday (Nicholas Harling writes). The reason was the club's margin of defeat, only 82-80 in their Kelloge's Cup semi-final first leg on Merseyside against PSO Cars Warrington and Liverpool Vikings, which put them in a strong resisting for next Thursdow's return position for next Thursday's return before their own supporters. Two years have elapsed since Doncaster ended a run of four-successive appearances in the final

but they are now well placed to

make a return against the odds.

Mark Stevens their coach, said
yesterday. "We're pretty much in
the driving sear.

Since Doncaster have just

leaders, Leicester on Saturday. Current form seemed to be working out when Vikings recovered from a nine-point first half deficit to take a
10-point lead with six minutes to go only for the visitors to make a strong late recovery. strong late recovery.

Stevens singled out for praise
Brantley his side's top scorer with
30 points and Streater, who
collected 17 rebounds in addition to

downhills of the season across the Atlantic in Aspen and on Whistler Mountain proved that his Olympic gold medal was no fluke.

BASKETBALL

sinking 24 points.

Bracknell Pirates, one of the only two National League first division clubs without a sponsor, are in financial difficulty and in danger of

cancelled for lack of snow Officials at the Kranjska Gora in Yugoslavia have cancelled

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leigh have agreed to a transfer request from Phil Johnson, the 20 year old scrum half and former Great Britain Colts international, and have put him on the transfer list at £15,000.

RUGBY UNION: Gerry McGuinness, reserve prop, was yesterday passed fit to sit on the bench for Scotland's international with Australia at Murraylield in Saturday. SAILING: Mike Birch, of Canada.

tively. SPORTS COUNCIL: A tax free

"Sports Bond" savings scheme aimed at tapping the huge market amongst members of grass roots

IN BRIEF

Yugoslav event

next week's men's World Cup special slalom and giant slalom races because of lack of snow.

SALLING: Mike Birch, of Canada, steered his catamaran, Formule Tag, into fourth place on the fifth day of the transatiantic Columbus route race and is now just 40 miles behind the three French leaders: Philippe Poupon in Fleiry Michon, and Charante Maritime and Credit Agricole, second and third respectively.

sports clubs and earning com-mission of at least £1 million for youth development at local sports level; is to be supported by the Sports Council.

SNOOKER
NORTHAMPTOK: Hotmelster world doubles championship, first resmit: D Mountley and W Jones bt T Chappel and S Newbury 5-1; S Frencisco (SA) and T Jones to J Campbel (Aus) and W King (Aus), 5-4; A Higgins and J White bt D Martin and G Cricasy, 5-2; David Taylor and M Halbert bt E Hughes and L Dodd, 5-3.

JOHN PLAYER TROPHY: Second round replay: St Helens 24, Bradford Northern 10. FIRST DIVISION: Hull 6, Leads 10.

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Australian Open women's singles semi-final.

the Australian, Wendy Turn-

out over the sideline: : I made a great conieback but I didn't quite finish it off,".

Atthorge the Wimbledon cham-pionships made a profit of £4.2 million this year, it will cost more to watch the event is £985. The Al-England club yesterday issued their price, atructure for the champion-ships from June 24 to July 7, and the text for the court, and court

d chib yesterday issued their structure for the chamajon-rom June 24 to July 7, and for the centre court, and court it was will all coat £1 more for the was weeks.

The two weeks, the man's sources, particularly from television, has grown rapidly in recent years, wit take the view thin it is not wise the first in an deplan, but alight expect court seat out seat for the Monday and for several years followed by a the cheapest course court seat, facreases, are preferable to a freeze costing £7 for the Monday and for several years followed by a Tuesday of the first week. The dramatic jump."

Wimbledon to cost more dearest ticket on court one will be £11. Turnstile admission will be £4 for the first week, £3 for the second, and £2 after 5pm for both weeks.

and now I'm around zero again.

so either way I was going to

In the men's quarter-final,

final match matches Sweden's Mats Wilander, the defending champion and the second seed,

t the fiery Ame

Johan Krick, seeded fourth,

MEN'S SINGLES
QUARTER FRALE K Curren (SA) bt S Davis
(US), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2, M Wilmohr (Swe) bt S
Editory (Swe), 7-5, 6-2, 1-6-3 Testisman (US)
bt 8 Becker (WG), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4

WOMEN'S SINGLES

MEN'S DOUBLES CHARTER FINALS: P Cash and J Fitigianid (Aus) bt E Edwards and C Van Ransburg (SA), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 3-5, 6-9; J Nystron and M Wender (Swe) bt F Emmass For and M Mitchell (US) 6-4, 4-9, 6-2, 1-3, 7-5, SEMI-THALES M Edwardson (Fass) Into 3 Stewart (US) bt P Doohen and M Fancuit (Aus), 5-7, 7-6, 8-3, 6-4. of Sweden, in the final of the fourth—
and last tournament – at Branhall —
in the LTA', series of \$10,000
tournaments. The two met a week
ago in the final at Teesside Arport.

Miss Dreyer beat Miss Ekblom
last week, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, and one has
composed youngster who seems set
to leas up the world ratings,
yesterday won 6-3, 6-2 against
Gabriella Diau, a tiny but tireless
Romanian, who is based in West
German. Miss Dinu, aged 24, was
too agining for her own good and
the sight of an ico-cool teenager on
the other side of the net was no
the other side of the net was no
compete for record prize money of
\$500,000 (ahout £400,000) in an
invitation tournament in Carlsbad,





The woman from nowhere: Miss Haas on her historic run Johnson renews battle

Puy-Saint-Vincent (Reuter) - Bill 1976 Olympic champion, and the Johnson, who beat the leading European downhill skiers to become on the slopes of Mount Bjelssnich be lead Olympic champion in Sarajevo, last February – a triumph he had returns to face his rivals for the first time in the new World Cup season here today. The regardies of the described after his first training outing on the Sarajevo here today. time in the new World Cup season here today. The vagaries of the Alpine winter having postponed the resumption of downhill hostilities, the American's first duel with Franz Klammer and company will be in a super giant slalom.
Johnson, made Klammer, the

Two more wins in the remaining

had given them a chance against Vikings, who had just ended the unbeaten start of the then league

Telford who have a reputation as

Fourth division for the first time in their history, lie below Liucoln in the Third division and have the worst defensive record in the Cunam League, having conceded 45 goals in 18 matches.

Telford, in contrast, are in good

Barrow appoint Kidd

Brian Kidd, who returned to keeper, who resigned over an England recently after more than internal matter last week but three years in the United States with remains at the club as a player. Fort Lauderdale Strikers, has been Under McDonnell Barrow have nternal matter last week but remains at the club as a player. Under McDonnell Barrow have enjoyed a good start to their first season back in the Gola League but they have lost their last four games.

> England semi-professional team. Keith Wright, the present manager, leaves early next year to become secretary of the English Golf Union. ● Southern League clubs are voting for a successor to David Setterfield, who has resigned as chairman. John Eastment the vice-

advertise the post of manager of the

chairman, has taken over as acting

FOOTBALL
CHILEAN LEAGUE: Cobressi 2, Colo Colo 0;
San Luis 3, Opporters is Serens 0; Iquique 0,
Arica 0; Cobrelos 1; Santiago Wanderser 1;
Palestino 2, Antofagusta 0; Magalianes 2, SanFolipe 2; Trasancino 1, Regional Atacanta 0;
Perantidez Visil 1, Universidad de Chile 0;
Ecotion 1, Green Cross 1; Rangers 2,
O'legigles 0; Linion Espannota 1, Coquinho
Unido 0; U Carolica 0, Nava 0; Huschipato 2,
Audaz kilano 0, Leeding positions: Zone 4: 1,
Cobrelos, 40; 2, Cobressi, 36; 3, Colo Colo, 34.
Zone 8: 1, Liniversidad Cataliza, 35; 2, Union
Espanola, 35; 3, Naval, 31;
KAMPALA: East and Central Africa Challenge
Cup: Group A: Zombia 2, Tanzania 1, Group 6;
Malawii 1, Somalia 0, (Zembia and Malawii
quality for semi-finals).
UAU CHAMPIONEMP: Kent University 0,
University College London 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristof Rovers 4,
Brighton 1, Postponed: Chelese v Birmingham.
O'THER MATCH: Cambridge University 1,
Cambridge United XI 3.

BASKETBALL

SCHOOLS MATCH: Wellingborough

COMBINATION: Oxford United 1.

Rangers 1

LEAGUE: Bournemouth 4, 2 Belosseste 0, Honeyd 1; Tataban 1 Compart number 1 Compare OCTRALL COMBINATION: Oxford United 1,

Welsh students' first The first student international match between England and Wales to be played in England will take place tomorrow at Central Park. Wigan (Keith Macklin writes). The Weish toam will comprise Rugby League playing students from Swansea University. South Glamorgan Institute, Cardiff University and the latest student club to be formed in

latest student club to be formed in Wales, the Polytechnic of Wales, at The Welsh students side has The Weish students one has been established for only four seasons. Two years ago the English students' team went to Cartiff and beat them by more than 50 points, but since then Wales have improved considerably. Only a few weeks ago Weish Colleges beat English Colleges twice, first at Bridgend and then at Livernool.

Moxon gets his chance to claim a Test place

Martyn Moxon, the Yorkshire opening batsman, will finally make his first appear-ance of the tour when England play North Zone in a three-day game, which starts at the Wankhede Stadium here today. It has been 38 days since the England party left London, but Moxon's chances of cricket have been successively thwarted by influenza, by the death of his father, which forced him to return home, and by the need to give the likely Test players

Moxon, aged 24, now has his own opportunity to claim a when they were needed. Injured place in England's team for the second Test match, which starts first England cap against West in Delhi next Wednesday. Should Moxon, a solid, orthodox stroke-maker, make a big score this weekend, he will definitely win his first Test. England's batting collapse against the Indian spinners in the first Test match has made it essential that the batting be strengthened if possible.

Moxon would probably replace Cowdrey at No 6, remembering that Cowdrey's bowling on the expected lifeless Delhi pitch can hardly be taken into consideration. In 53 first-class matches for Yorkshire, spread over four seasons. Moxon has looked a player of quality, whose figures have not always done him justice. There , however, little doubt about his temperament, which befits someone who was reared in the same parts as Geoffrey Boycott, whom he has not only idolized but has learned a great deal

Moxon: worked hard

more than once made runs ribs prevented him winning his Indies last summer at home, even if, in the light of events, this might have proved a mixed blessing. Since he returned to India from his father's funeral nobody has worked harder at his fitness or looked more impressive in the nets. He is also a splendid deep fieldsman with a good arm.

French, the deputy wicket-keeper gets his second game in India as expected and Gatting, the batting success of the tour so far, takes his first rest. Gower, who like Lamb, is badly in need of runs, again leads the side, in spite of the facial injury he sustained in the field in the first one-day international at Poona on Wednesday, the result of which gave the touring side a much needed boost to morale. Gower has a badly cut and grazed nose and a bruise under his right eye, but was anxious to play and will probably bat No 3.

from.

Moxon, who made a hundred on his debut for Yorkshire, has

Once again, Allott culd not be considered for today's game. He is to give his back injury

Settling for a draw

Bahawalpur (Reuter) - The New Zealanders' three-day match with the Punjab Governor's XI ended in

PUNJAB GOVERNOR'S XI: First innings
Mohain Khan e Snedden b ChatsBald 38
Sajid Al 1-b-w b Snedden 4
Suban Rana e Crowe b Cairns 6
Shaukat Mirza e Cairns b Boock 51
Mansoor Rana 1-b-w b Snedden 28
Masood Robal e Snedden 5 Gray 4
Mohammad Attat b Brook 1
Sajid Robal e Snedden 5 Gray 3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-48, 3-75, 4-89, 5-134, 6-143, 7-144, 8-144, 9-188, 10-189,

resuming practice, and although England could clearly not risk him in the second Test match, there is no question of sending for a replacement at the moment. Downtown, Fowler and Cowans join Gatting on the sidelines for this game, which brings England up against strong opposition, even if the pitch will almost certainly militate against a result. Kapil Dev and Chetan

Sharma, India's new-ball bowlers in the first Test match, are both rested, but North Zone include seven Test players. They are led by Madan Lai, whose Test career is probably behind him but who still managed nine wickets in an innings in a Ranji Trophy game this week. Prabhakar and Ghai, who took part in the one-day international, will play, while North Zone's spinners are Maninder Singh, the slow left-arm bowler India omitted from the first Test, and Kirti Azad, the all repender and off spinner.

the all-rounder and off spinner. North Zone's opening pair are the experienced Chauhan, the only man to pass 2,000 Test runs without scoring a century, and Siddhu, who took a hundred off West Indies for North Zone last season. Also in the ranks are batsmen of the calibre of Malhotra, who has a point or two to prove to the Indian selectors, Yashpal Sharma, Gursharan Singh, and the wicketkeeper who has several times toured as Kirmani's deputy and who bats with the freedom of Engineer or

NORTH ZONE (from): S Madan Lei (ception). C P S Chauhem, N S Siddhu, A Mathotra, Yashpei Sharma, Gurshuran Singh, Kiri Azad, M Probhatea: S Belson, R S Ghai, Ajay Shah, Maninder Singh, S Kharma. ENGLAND: D I Gower (captain), A J Lamb C S Cowdry, V J Marks, R M Ellson, P I Edmonds, B N Franch, N A Foster, P I Pocock.

Rixon for Phillips

the new captain, said yesterday he was very pleased with the preparation of the Australian side, 2-0 down in the series against West Indies, for the Third Test starting at

WEST INDES (from): H Lloyd (captain), 1 A Richards, C G Greenidge, L Haynes, R Richardson, H A Gomes, P Dujon, D Marshall, J Garner, M A Holding, A Walsh, R A Herper. AUSTRALIA (from: A R Border tespisin), i Hogg, J Dyson, C Wessels, M Wood, K Hughes, D C Boon, J Rhoon, F Levence, a Alderman, R J Holland, M J Bennett,

A caterpillar's eye-view of the soaring sport of hang gliding

Ascent of those magnificent men who are flying machines

Most of us feel about hang gliding the same way that the caterpillar felt when seeing a butterfly: "You'll never get me up in one of them."

Simon parachutes - and, indeed, today's sports parachutes outperform the early hang gliders as flying never get me up in one of them." never get me up in one of them." Foday is the tenth anniversary of the British Hang Gliding Association (BHGA), although it is not the survival of the organization, so much as the survival of the members, that fills us with astonishment. We know talls as with astonishment. We know that hang gliding is the sport of ionatics, of death-wish-filled maniacs who fling themselves off hills in the faint hope of landing softly at the bottom.

softly at the bottom.

Try getting sponsorship for a hang gliding event. No one wants to know. People approached instantly see headlines like "Seventeen Killed at Coffin-Nail Cigarettes Hang Gliding Championship" and run away screaming. It is the aviation sport in which pilots drop from the sky like ripe fruit, is it not?

In vain do people like Bob Harrison, training officer with the NGHA, explain that hang gliding is the safest of all aviation sports. In vain do they say that the sport has changed, changed and changed again since death regularly flew upwards at 32 feet a second to destroy the pioneers. Eight or 10 of them died every year in the early

them died every year in the early days. Now the death rate is two a year among 4,000 BHGA members and 1,500 training members and, according to the Civil Aviation Authority, one annual pilot death per thousand pilots is evidence that acceptable safety standards are being maintained in sporting aviation.

The ground is a lot farther away from the pilots these days. The idea of fluttering crazily downhill to the bottom is thoroughly outmoded: beight gains of 6,000 feet can readily he made, the British cross-country record is 130 miles, as glider technology has been revolutionized and, with it, pllot expertise. No longer do pilots look like kites, like



Barnes

a Leonardo desigo. They look like wings and they are not primarily designed for gliding down - they are meant to used for soaring, upward

The sport started on Californian The sport started on Californian sand-dunes and arrived in Britain about 12 years ago. Mostly it started with home-made kites, horrifyingly constructed from hamboo and chanks of aluminium. The pioneer's motto was "Don't fly higher than you are prepared to fall". You needed a steep hill, a strong wind and a stronger nerve. You jumped off the hill, floated to the bottom, rolled no your kite and hiked back to the top. It was like dangerous taboggan-

There was great excitement if you managed to cross the fence at the bottom of the field. If you landed on it, you were a hero. It was bumps and bruises and sprains", Mr Harrison said. The achievements of today's average club fliers were impossible dreams of the most talented young thrusters among the pioneers. The achievement of landing back on top of the hill was a major breakthrough. The first British bang gliding record was fer duration – eight minutes.

British hang gliding record was for duration – eight minutes.

But when the planes and the pilots became capable of soaring in thermals the endurane record shot the soaring in thermals the endurane record shot the soaring as broken, it was apparent that the length of time spent in the air was a test not so much of pilot excellence as of hardness of the gluteal muscles. By this time the gliders had trebled in weight. They were no longer designed to be carried up and down hills. They were no longer

machines.
Today's hang gliders are proper aeroplanes, with human under-carriage. The pilots need naviga-

nal skills to travel across con and, more than anything, they need a certain scientific and intuitive brilliance to read the air, to hop across England from one rising column of air to the next, "You realize you are not living on top of something". Mr Harrison said. "You are living at the bottom of an ocean of air."

Salling technology has been plundered for fabrics non-permeable to air. Streamlining has become an obsession. Pilots no longer dangle apologetically from their wing but lie prone beneath it in an aerodynamic cocoon, carrying a parachute and often ballast. And they are intensely onten nations. And they are intensely competitive, not only about setting records, but about winning the British League, Competitions in-volve tests of navigation and flying skill that stretch even the finest

High-technology is part of hang gliding now — but you can still get airborne for £400. And the sport is

airborne for £400. And the sport is still about weekend dreams of ordinary chaps who years to fly, to fly sileatily and cheaply through Harrison's ocean of air. Cheaply, but also safely, he insists.

"It is not danger that hang glider pilots are looking for", he said. "But feeling safe in the midst of danger. You know you will never conquer the air. You can only survive in it. And perhaps it will get you yet." Most of us are happy to remain earthbound, leaf-chewing caterpillars. But for others, as for Mr Harrison, to swim silently through the ocean of air. silently through the ocean of air, safe in the midst of danger, is what sport, indeed what life, is all about. "The air is always challenging you... it is the invisible challenge."

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps's record intact

From Chris Moore, Winterberg unforeseen disasters, so far of 56.22 sees. That was off a

Nick Phipps will be a convincing start of 5.21 secs which was within winner of the two-man event at the British bobsleigh championships, British record start time on this sponsored by Allied Steel here tomorrow. He completed his West German track. It has not been such plain sailing for some of the other less training programme yesterday with experienced drivers here, particuhaving won eight successive laufs in larly when it has come to negotiation the notorious ninth corner at Winterberg, Paul Prisindofficial practice this week. His main rival, the champion. Tom de la Hunty, has not been able to get within half a second of him. ki. another Londoner, having his first bash (being the operative word) at driving, has overturned three On his first run yesterday the at dri Londoner recorded the fastest time times.

TABLE TENNIS Something

to prove

Desmond Douglas will be trying to prove that his Chinese complex is a thing of the past in the Charles Church invitation event at Wem-bley on January 12. Yesterday's draw put the seven times English national champion into the same section as Wei Qing-quang, who is little known in Europe but at 22 is already Chinese national champion. DRAW: Group 1: U Bergisson (Swe), J. Secreta (Fr.), Pansky (Cz.), K Kai Tak (S Kor), Group 2: A Grusha (Pol), D Douglas (Eng), W Ong-quang (Chans), Z Kriston (Hung).

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Perspective alters for British heavies

BOXING

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The best thing to have happened to the British heavyweight scene was the visit to this country by Joe Frazier, the former world heavyweight champion, and his son, Marvis. They helped put straight our perspective as to where British heavyweights with world ambitions heavyweights with world ambitions stand. For too long we have seen our boys growing vounger, stronger and better as the world's top men grew decrepit and too feeble to hold up their hands.

Marvis Frazier, by convincingly beating Funso Banjo, of West Ham, on points at the Alexandra Pavilion, on points at the Alexandra Pavilion, North London, on Wednesday, showed what a difficult task men like Banjo and Frank Bruno face if they want to box for the world title. Especially when one takes into account Joe Frazier's view that his son would stop Bruno, and also the fact that Marvis was himself knocked out in one round by Larry Holmes.

Marvis may also have cone British boxing suporters a service. By forcing the pace, Frazier brought out the fight in Banjo that has been trying to get out for 14 contests. And now that Banjo knows that he can stay there with good opposition perhaps the public will not have to endure any moore of his boring contests.

contests.

From now on it is going to be quality opponents for Banjo", Jimmy Quill, his manager, said. "Mind you, he is still a novice but he did well and everyone loved him". Joe Frazier's views, too, could help the real Banjo keep punching away now that he has escaped from the 6ft, 5in frame. "I had a shock with your man," Joe said. "We did not expect him to fight. He will beat Bruno, but get him to jab right."

Banjo's showing has certainly put

Banjo's showing has certainly put the pressuure on the Bruno camp to get for him better opponents than of late. "They can't bring in any more of those terrible opponents." Quill

Frank Warren, ever ready to capitalize on a good scrap, has offered Bruno £100,000 to take on one of the prune 2100,000 to take on Banjo. Not that it has any chance of coming off. Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, has other ideas; he wants Bruno to challenge Steffan Tangstad, of Norway, for the European title.

gstad, of Norway, for the European title.

The Fraziers were here for tw months in which time the No I son, Rodney, along with Smoking Joe Junior and even the sparring partner, Bert Cooper, appeared in British halls. They went home yesterday, I will long remember the sight of Joe holding Marvis, all 14st 8lb of him, in his arms like a baby after the but with Banjo.

Nor will I forget how he told Marvis, when he was unable to get past that long Banjo jab: "Do you want me to fight the next round, because I can do it, you know?" "No. sir!" Marvis said and then got off his stool and hooked Banjo round the ring.

Promoter's licence for Lawless



and-coming boys, including my own stable". He hopes to run shows at York Hall, Bethnal Green.

franco Rosi, for the European title in Milan on January S.
Sylvester Mittee, the Commonwealth welterweight champion, will appear at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on January 19 when Don Curry defends the world welterweight title against Colin Jones. Mittee, meets Felipe Castro, of Peru, a top contender for the WBA title.
Roy Gumbs has had his bout with

Roy Gumbs has had his bout with Chong Pai Park for the IBF title put back a month. It will not take place

meeting here, the American Medical Association passed a resolution demanding that boxing be outlawed and resolved to lobby congressmen throughout the United States.

Rod Douglas, the ABA light-middleweight cahmpion, will miss England's international against Meeting and Comments of the West Germany in Munster on Sunday because of bruised ribs. His

John Mejto.

ENGLAND: Flyweight: M Smith; bentam: S
Marphy: Feather: R Taylor; light: C Crocke;
light-weiter: D Jernings and E Kernhaw;
waitur: C tiske; light-middle: J Melfa; middle:
B Schumacher; light-heavy: J Moran; appeheavy: G Williamson.

in Guyanabo, Puerto Rico.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FA Second round Port Vale v Scunthorpe United Second division Furnam v Oldham Athletic Fourth division Stockport County v Blackpool

RUGBY UNION OTHER SPORTS

REAL TENNIS: British Invitation Mixed Doubles: Billy Ross-Skinner Cup (at Hampton Court)

SNOOKER: World Doubles (at Derngate Centre, Northampton)
SOUASH RACKETS: British champlenships (at Abbeydale Park, Shoffield).

BOSCOW: los danes competition, competi-sory figures: 1. N Bestemianova and A Bulon (USSH, 0.8.2, M Nitmora and S Ponomarento (USSH) 1.2.3, O Vollenstanya and A Sylvin (USSH) 1.8. British piechng: 9, S Wildinson and Ponaus, 54

RUGBY UNION: SLACK'S WALLABIES HAVE THE DISCIPLINE TO WIN THE GRAND SLAM



Slack: captain of quiet authority and force determination

Exchanging teaching New Zealand boys history for making history month before the tour began he took up a new post as a sports correspondent, one of his first assignments being to interview those British luminaries of bowls, David Bryant and Willie Wood. Although Slack had no knowledge of bowls, Bryant spoke of how yoga helped in the preparation for tournaments and that was the nee for his story.

The gaunt, inntern-fawed Andrew Gerard Stack may not have been the obvious choice to captain Australia this year, in view of the opposition provided by the bubbling, overwhelmingly-talented Mark Ella – captain for the previous two years – and another centre, the cool and collected Michael Hawker, Yet if Australia beat Scutland tomorrow to Australia pear Schring tomorrow to achieve the grand slam, these eighth Wallabies will be remembered by the history books as Slack's Wallabies,

Slack's ascent to the captaincy of this country began when he succeeded two outstanding back-row forwards, Mark Loane and Tony forwards, Mark Loane and Tony Shaw, as Queensland's captain and led his state to a well-organized win over their primary rivals. New South Wales, early this year. He Inherited the national mantle against Fifl and New Zealand; despite the 2-1 series defeat against the All Blacks, he retained the leadership, thanks surely to the quiet anthority he exerts on and off the field which complements the more obvious public gifts of the Australian coach, Alan Jones – a happy linking of Australia's two main rugby-playing states.

At 29, Slack has the respect of At 29, Stack has the respect of colleagues who are aware that he has not been omitted from an Austrlian national squad for some 40 selections. Yet, having his feet firmly on the ground, he retains his approachability. It is typical that he did not realize he had become his country's most-capped centre on this tour until Bill McLaren, the BBC commentator, pointed it out. entator, pointed it out.

Slack is the oil in the works of Stack is the oil in the works of this Australian party. It is appropriate that his is the guitar leading the song during the team's post-match happy bour, "I play a bit" he says. No Wagnerian thundering from Stack — his preference in music is a simple folk tune or the melodies of Strams. On the field it is the quiet word of excouragement, the constant support, which is the hallmark of his play.

lay. But his comparatively withdrawn meanour masks a fierce determ nation and concentration on the job of captaincy which shows mos obviously at the press conference which follow international matches and exhausted. "You can say what you like about rughy in Britain, but all the internationals have been bloody hard."

The youngest in a family of three his elder brother, once a budding scrum half and now a priest, archanted a convergencies by scrum half and now a priest, enchanted a congregation by beginning a sermon: "I have some good and bad news for you today. The good news is that Australia have beaten England - the had news it that I'm still going to preach a sermon". Slack is from Brisbane where his mother runs a hotel. He had no priest and the sermon is a sermon a s where his mother runs a note, rie began playing rugby as a nine-year-old and, in his early teens, played Rugby League as well. That experience emphasized for him the oportance of the tackle, though not the quality of handling and passing.
He trained as a teacher and enjoyed a career passing on the radiments of history and English to children from 11 upwards. But, a **RACKETS**

Prenn free of

tournament

pressures

By William Stephens

Contrary to speculation, John Prenn, who lost his world title to William Boone, last Saturday, has no intention of retiring. He is competing with Boone and other top players in the Celestion Invitation circles which

singles which begins today at Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow, Mar-lbarough, Wellington and Winches-

ter.

While saluting Boone as a brilliant new holder of the world title, players are paying tribute to

the outgoing champion, Prenn, who set the finest example in his

ambassadorial role for the game internationally, as his immediate amateur predecessors. Geoffrey Atkins, Howard Angus, and Wil-lism System had done

Those fortunate to watch Press at

iam Surtees, had done.

much backs and forwards work together in training.

"We have worked more on individual skills than anything else. Take someone like Andy McIntyre (the tight-head prop) – three or four years ago he couldn't catch a cold, Now his handling is as good as any of the forwards while the backs are trained to years properly at years. trained to react properly at rucks

and mants.

"The discipline of this party has been tremendous. Take the game against Wales - the happy hour afterwards was out of this world and I thought our players would leave Cardiff in roles. But by the time they reached the official dinner hi the evening they were much quieter they reached the official dinner hat the evening they were much quieter because they all hand the tour was by no means over and Scotland were still to come.

"We've got some good players but we've seen some good players here too. We were pretty impressed with Stuart Barnes when he played for the South and South-West in the second match, but when it came to the England match and his side was 19-3 down, Barnes got the ball in his 19-3 down, Barnes got the ball in his own 22 and just booted it away. It was as though he had looked up at the stand and thought 'someone up there's watching to see if I make a mistake', as though he was afraid to take the risk of rmating at us in rans it didn't come off. You've got to be prepared to take the risk."

There have been few "blues" — Asstralian for mistakes — from Slack on this trip, his eighth tour. It is in character that he considers he made a bad one during his speech after the international with England. In congratulating the players he referred to Melville and Farr-Jones, the opposting scroum halves, as both

reterred to Melville and Part-Jones, the opposing scrum halves, as both developing into world-class players. Immediately he was aware of how Philip Cox, who came to Britain as

Philip Cox, who came to Britain as the first-choice scrum half, must have been feeling.

The conditions of Slack's new employment mean that he will retire from representative rugby when he returns home, although be considers he has several years left in the game. Had he not proved a successful rugby player he would dearly have loved to play cricket for his country; there may be one or two cricketers. there may be one or two cricketers currently under the hammer of the West Indies who would dearly love change places with Australia's David Hands

Small clubs of the valleys come into sharp focus

The Welsh Cup, sponsored by Schweppes, enters its second round tomorrow. Whereas many of the smaller clubs will have remained largely anonymous among the vast numbers who took part in the first round, they come into sharper focus in the second, one or two clubs invariably emerging to perplex anyone whose geography is not up-to sertch.

We may know perhaps that Dunvant is in Swansea. Like many an English club but untypical of Wales, they run 11 sides. For the first time they entertain one of the major clubs, South Wales Police. who in recent years have emerged as a force, as it were, to be reckoned with in Welsh rugby.

The Swansea club itself is away to Cilfynydd in the Valley, which the world should know as the village which produced two opera singers. which produced two opera singers, Sir Geraint Evans and Stuart Burroughs, and a prominent Labour politician and former Home Secretary. Merlyn Rees. Clifynydd are coached by Joe Smith, the former player and coach of Pontypridd, who took them to the final in 1979. His old club will be appear to the street that

However, those following Cardiff home in the last eight cup matches—will need to be careful that they go to the Bryncoch club near Neath and not be diverted to the other and not be diverted to the other Brynooch, which is near Bridgend, it is near Bridgend that this round's outstanding teaser may be found. It needed a leap in the dark to find Heol-y-Cyw and it will need much more from those across the border to pronounce it. They are away to Neath. Much to their relative neace of mind all the other major clubs are drawn at home, apart from Lianelli and Newbridge, who will have to pull out all the

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spectively.
Abertillery, who came through in injury-time against Blackwood in the last round, will have their metie tested further by Llanharan. No real upsets are expected and at least one of the smaller clubs - in the match

stops to win at Risca and Ystalyfera

place.

Dram: Aberson v Tenby; Aberillery v Lanharan; Bridgend v Bishra; Brysocch v Cardiff; Cillynydd v Swansen; Dunisant v Soath Wale v Wewhan; Gowerton v Haverfordwest; Llandovery v Portypridd; Manstag v Soven Statura; Neath v Haol y Cyw; Newport V Liardinauri, Pontypool v Kofwelly; Risca v Llando; Russney v Soath Cillerower institute. Vetabling v Russney v Soath

will liven the scene

The schools' scene will be due to the talent of Preston, their cominated for the next seven weeks by the tour of England. Scotland, scored two treis against Ressall, He Ireland, Wales and the Netherlands by the New Zealand Secondary schools; those who remember the Sedbergh, but finished their season by the New Zealand Secondary schools; those who remember the brand of football provided by previous Antipodean schools sides sentergh, but imisted mear season with a narrow victory (13-12) over RGS Lancashire. Both matches were hard fought, and the Sedbergh game was dominated by the winners loose forwards; only brave defence by Rossall kept the scoreline close until the final will await a glimpse of the style and standard of this touring tema with the keenest interest.

the keenest interest.

The schools county season is well, under way in most areas; after their convincing win (20-4) at Harwick against South of Scotland, Lancashire 18 group face Warwickshire at Waterloo on Sunday; the match, which follows the 16 group encounter at 12-30, kicks off at 2.15.

Kirkham CS, who have two of the preparation for tournaments and that was the peg for his story.

Slack himself is one of the pegs on which this tour's success has hung. Another is Jones, and Slack's respect for the coach's thorough preparation and variety in training is obvious. There have been talented Australian sides in Britain before yet none has reached the position of threa my with one in on. Slack noints Kirkham GS, who have two of their side playing at Hawick, experienced an indifferent start to the season but have not lost since a

yet name has reached the position we three up with one to go. Stack points the difference on this tour as the tight forwards, yet emphasizes how much backs and forwards work narrow defeat by RGS Lancaster in early November. Their recent 13-10 win over Rossall, ended an unbeated record and was mainly Scots boost

The Scottish Rugby Union have renewed their sponsorship agreement with the Royal Bank of Scotland for all international matches played at Murryfield during the seasons 1985-86 and 1986-87 (Ian McLauchlan writes). The six figure sum involved will be used for the further development of rugby in Scotland.

The present season of inter-nationals sponsored by the Royal Bank begins tomorrow when Scotland play Australia, and Bank begins tomorrow when Scotland play Australia, and continues with Scotland v Ireland on February 2 and Scotland v Wales

Bailey

Mark Bailey, the Cambridge University captain, is confident that he will be able to lead his side against Oxford University at Twickenham next Tuesday, despite having played no more than five full matches this season. Bailey, who has suffered from inflamed tendons and stretched ligaments in his foot, has not appeared in any of Cambridge's first-class matches since the opening shots of the term were fired agains

Cambridge City.

Cambridge have had the assistance this season of Sue Whitney, aged 26, a physiotherapist, who will take over the role of trainer next Tuesday in the absence of the regular spongeman. Chris Hale. It will be the first woman to run on to Twickenham since Erica Roe, but I will have my clothes on," she said. Peter Wheeler, the Leicester and former England hooker, returns for former England hooker, returns for his club second team against Nottingham seconds, tomorrow after completing the 30-day suspension imposed after he was sent off playing for the Midlands against the Australians last month. Another front row forward, Rendall, the Wesps prop. makes his first senior appearance against London Scottish after recovering from injury.

had a good term with 12 wins, two draws and four losses, and a share in the Shore Trophy, having drawn (4-4) with King James's Cellege, Healey, in the final of the Oxfordshire Schools Cup. Schools XV

Three players from last year are retained in the Scottish schools international team to meet Nev Zealand Secondary schools at Murrayfield on December 15: Wright, of Dollar Academy, Swann, of Glenalmond, and Robertson, of

Ragby have enjoyed mixed fortunes, losing in recent weeks to Bedford (20-0), drawing with Warwick (4-4), but registering good victories over Old Rugheians (12-3); St Edward's, Oxford (11-6), and Oundle (3-10); Bloxham have also

of Gienalmond, and Robertson, of Dollar Academy.

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By David Hands

Confident Underwood stands out

By Bryan Stiles

Rory Underwood, the England wing, produced touches of aggres-sive skill that transformed a scrappy inter-command conflict into a onesided rout at Halton yesterday afternoon when RAF Support Command beat RAF Strike Com-

mand 27-9.

His talents were ignored by his colleagues in Support Command for most of the first half and they paid the penalty to trail 9-3. He received most of the first half and they paid the penalty to trail 9-3. He received the balll only once before the interval and completely out-manouvred the opposition defence which almost brought a try. With his first two touches of the ball in the second half he scored a

brace of tries which set up his team's victory by two goals, three tries and a penalty goal to a goal and a penalty goal. The game highlighted the talents

of the players who will form the nucleus of the side for the RAF team's season which begins next Wednesday against Bredford. Strike Command missed their guiding force, John Orwin, Glouces-tershire's second-row forward. SCOPERS: Support Command: Tries: Sufferland. Underwood (2), Abendre, Affson. Conversions Lazenby (2). Penalty goal: Lazenby Suffer Command: Try: Mycock. Conversion: Evans. Penalty goal: Evans.

the first time have to submit to random dope tests during the later rounds. The tests have been requested by the Sports Council, as part of a general policy covering all sports. Squash players are not under suspicion. Indeed, a harsh joke going the rounds is that some players thought the notification of

Christina Myers, the secretary of the Women's Squash Rackets Association, said yesterday: "We don't feel that the players have had adequate notice that such tests are on the way. But we will probably introduce tests The men's draw includes a former

top-class squash is concerned.

A former runner-up for the British junior championship, Ingle-

national tournament By Rex Bellamy

was recently runner-up to Robbie Robinson in the Combined Services championship. Ingledew's parents championship. Ingledew's parents are English and although he was born in Johannesburg he is a British citizen. He is barred because, during the 1981 world championships in Sweden, he played at first string for Zimbabwe. Ingledew had previously played for South Africa in an unofficial match against the United

Colin Dowdeswell, who has a similar background, has been allowed to play tennis for Rhodesia and Britain in turn. It, seems reasonable that ingledew should be haved from the England team, but There will be no tests on women. barred from the England team, but there is no reason why such a high flyer should be excluded from other national events. Organizers of the British national championship were still waiting to learn last night whether

Rhodesian international, Rob Shay, who captained Warwickshire. Anseven leading players would appear after their threat of a boycott. The other player who represented Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Norman Ingledew, is ineligible for the national championship and the players, six of them among the top eight seeds and including the defending champion, Phil Kenyon, are not satisfied with the £13,000 prize money on offer. national championspip and me inter-county event. The difference is that Shay did not play for his former country in an official team event and ingledew did. So Ingledew, a jet CYCLING: East Germany were the pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, has temporarily been grounded as far as world's top nation this year in amateur road racing according to an official ranking published an official ranking published yesterday by the International Cycling Union

VOLLEYBALL

Valued lessons learned at

By Paul Harrison

British interest in the European Champions' Cup will end on Sunday, when both Capital City Spikers and Hillington Ladies will lose to their much stronger Bulgarian opponents.

lasted longer than most. English clubs do not usually get past the opening round. To reach the last 16 at all was, therefore, an advance. To play against teams of the statute and experience of CSKA Selia and Levski Spartak will have done nothing but good. Sunday's match is at Eastway Sports Centre, Leyton,

Spark reached the other semi-final overcoming Newcastle (Staffs) another second division side, also 3-

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Terry Lawless (above). Britain's most successful boxing manager, is applying for a licence to become a promoter. "Because major pro-moters are so busy, they tend to neglect the smaller halls where young boxers traditionally learn their trade", Lawless said yesterday. "I hope to fill in one of two of the gaps and make opportunities for up-

The British welterweight champion, Lloyd Honeyghan, will meet the defending champion, Gian-franco Rosi, for the European title

● HONOLULU: American doctors are to campaign again for a bear on amateur and professional boxing in the United States. At their annual meeting here, the American Medical

place in the 14-strong team goes to John Melfo.

 New York (AFP) - Victor Callejas of Puerto Rico will defend his World Boxing Association super-bantamweight title against luan Veloz of Mexico on March 15

Those fortunate to watch Press at his peak when playing Surtees for the world championship in New York three years ago saw only glipses of his top form in Montreal at the beginning of the last game, and at Queen's Club towards the end of the third and, as it turned out, deciding game. While Boone at his best deservedly won the title he has so long coveted, Prenn now has no pressure in aiming for the top again.

ICE SKATING

SQUASH RACKETS

Dope tests for men in

Men competing in the British dew is stationed at Yeovilton and national championships, to be played in Sheffield from tomorrow until next Thursday under the sponsorship of Inter-City, will for

later this season".

masters' hands

This season's campaigen has

While Spikers have been preoccupied with European affairs, life on the domestic front has been continuing. Team Mizone will meet Speedwell Rucanor in the semi-finals of the English Cup in March. Mizuno beat Portsmouth All Sports, of division three, 3-0 in west London last weekend. Speedwell defeated second division Malory by the same score.

another second division side, also 3-0. They will play the winners of the tie between Spikers and Poole CBC. In the Royal Bank League, north of the border, Volvo Tracks best Bellshill Cardinals to stay top of the

DEVON & EXETER

12.45 SPARROW HAWK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (2506: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

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Wirten Herricht.

Chepstow last Saturday could Park Now he should follow no little ability, but I suspect possibly hold the key to the outcome of the Coral Golden first division of the Bristol to be further.

Hurdle qualifier at Cheltenham Novices Hurdle. today. Carrying 41b overweight, Right Regent won that race at After a period in the doldrums, that performance finally pointed to him having recaptured his sparkling form of three seasons ago when he was good enough to win the Challow Hurdle at Newbury from such

accomplished performers as Baron Palles, Gallaher, Bright Oasis and Angelo Salvini. This suggests that Right Regent will be a very tough nut to crack again this afternoon, so much so that I think he constitutes a good nap, even though he will be carrying more weight than he would if this handicap were extended to embrace its full range. At his best, Right Regent would be arriving resident to the contract of the contra giving weight to most of his rivals this afternoon instead of getting weight from them.

Earlier in the day Richard Linley looks poised to win yet another race for Sheikh Ali Abu Kamsin on Gala's Image (12.30). After a promising performance at Newbury this four-year-old by the same sire as

Televised; BBC1: 2.15, 2.50, 3.25]

Tote double: 1,40, 2.50, Treble: 1.15, 2.15, 3.25.

GOING: good to soft

CHELTENHAM

12.30 BRISTOL NOVICE HURDLE (Div L £1,514: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

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7-4 Gaia's Image, S Burannpour, 9-2 Moon Martner, 6 Melster, 7 Firing Perty,
FORSIs GALA'S MAGE, (11-0) beet Mount Boha (11-7) at Kempton (2m India, 21,450, good to
act, Nov 22, 15 ran). MESTER, (11-0) beet Fraud Squad (11-0) by 31 at Devon (2m 1f India, 2548,
solt, Nov 13, 17 ran). BURANNPOURI, fell certy on last time, earlier (11-0) 10 2nd to
Statesmanship (11-6) here (2m India, 54,539, act, Nov 9, 6 ran), FRENC PARTY, (11-2) 9, 4th to
Misty Date (11-2) at Warveck (2m 54, 2828, solt, Mer 6, 23 ran).

Cheltenham selections By Mandarin 12.30 Gala's Image, 1.05 Toirdealbhach, 1.40 Lonach, 2.15 Door Latch, 2.50 Gratification, 3.25 RIGHT REGENT (nap).

1.05 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,944;

2711) (5)
201 13821-9 TORNDEALBHACH (CD) (K Harpur-Crews) P O'Connor 10-11-12 P Croudler 201 p014-02 MEDWIGHT SONG (D) (Mrs D Price) T Former 9-11-3 P Croudler 201 honoge greenways (C) (8) (A Moorre) A Juvis 9-11-1 K Buriss 100-00 WATER ROCK (CD) (J Thomas 9-11-0 J Hurst 201 p-100-22 LATIN AMERICAN (D) (J Ritchie) T Former 7-10-12 M Pirrer 104-221 (DNGTS JAG (D) (Devict Toxothy Link) Mrs M Richard 6-10-12 (8 extract-lane)

1983: Water Rock 6-10-0 P Dever (5-1) J Thorne 8 rac.

POSES MIDNIGHT SONG, (11-7) AI numer-up to Misty Fort (10-11) at Nambury (2m ch. 22.378, good to soft, Nov 14, 5 ran). GRISENWAYS, (11-9 1692 6th to Anoto Marsaint (10-11) over 3m, sarfar (10-0) 892 5th to Residens Shot (10-4) over course and distances with TORRUZALIMACH (10-6) 2away 6th (24.42 soft, Nov 9, 5 ran). Last year TORRUZALIMACH (10-6) best Cardinal's Carburat (10-0) by 12 over course and distance with WATER ROCK (10-4) 27 away in 5th (24.22), good to first, Any 11, 7 ran). Latte AMERICAN (11-7) 1959 4th to Torn Tailor (10-3) at Forthwell (2m 2f ch. 22.343, soft; Nov 20, 7 ran). KRRS'S ANG (10-1) best Letrak Cby (10-6) by 41 at Wincanton (2m ch. 21.512, good, Nov 29, 7 ran). Gelection TORRUSALIMACH.

1.40 BRISTOL NOVICE HURDLE (Div II; £1,500: 2m 4f) (16 ran)

S King's Jug. 7-2 Toktisekhnob, 4 Midright Song, 9-2 Greenways, 6 Latin American, 19

By Michael Seely

1.05 King's Jug. 2.15 Prince Rowan. 3.25 RIGHT REGENT (nap).

The Food Brokers-Armour Handicap Chase looks full of by deciding to run Catch Phrase Chepstow very easily indeed by eight lengths.

One Fun, who other hand, with Scot Lane, won at Sandown Park last Maori Venture, Prince Rowan, Onapromise and Doorlatch all probably the better, recent form standing their ground. With five victories to his name at Macoliver and Destiny Bay are Cheltenham, Scot Lane is much of a muchness judged on bound to command a strong their last run against one local following. Yet at the age of nearly 12 he is starting to get a limb happy therefore to side bit long in the tooth and in this with Gratification from Fred instance I prefer Doorlatch, who Winter's stable even though this is nearly half his age.

beat A Kinsman over a fraction taught to jump well and more than three miles at Gratification who has the build Sandown in the autumn, Door- of a steeplechaser, has run well racing over today's distance at Sandown and Ascot.

three miles and a furloag. In the At Devon and E. three miles and a furloag. In the At Devon and Exeter, Cats circumstances he was not Eyes has a good chance of being disgraced at Ascot last month; the first leg, of a double for when he finished a well-beaten Martin Pipe, who also trains second to Cybrandian in the H Right Regent. His recent victory & T Walker Steeplechase, which there by 12 lengths over Meldon and the control of the control was run over a considerably Lady suggests he should easily shorter distance.

Today's Embassy Premier worse terms in the Malden

Steeplechase qualifier has a very Timber. Novices Hurdle tricky appearance. At his best qualifier.

Gambir would be hard to beat, Half an hour later Silva 23lb to Memberson, but he ran abominably in his Linda, a winner for Fred Winter Dargai by six lengths

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) The result of the Comrie the dual champion hurdle last race at Wincanton for Handicap Hurdle run over three winner, Monksfield, won his which there is no explanation miles on soft ground at next race in style at Kempton Lean Ar Aghaidh is a horse with be further.
Josh Gifford poses a problem

RACING: MRS DICKINSON DELAYS DECISION ON REPLACEMENT JOCKEY FOR BROWNE'S GAZETTE

Saturday. While Catch Phrase is points to hisstablecompanion. Macoliver and Destiny Bay are

Judged on the way that he Winter's horses are always



Martin Pipe: double chance

at Chepstow last Saturday, can continue in her winning vein by taking the Blackdown Stud Challenge Trophy Mares Only Novices Chase. Giddycan, who won the Twysden Challenge Cup 12

months ago turns out again with 12st on his back, 20th more than on the corresponding occasion last year. Well though he ran behind Lucky Vein in his last race, I cannot help doubting whether he can manage to give 23lb to Memberson, who beat

FORSE ARAPATTO PRINCE (11-0) beates 301 into 3rd behind Joby Mac (11-0) at Worsester (2:s. 4thos., 2700, soft, Nov 21, 24 ma). DRAGON PALACE (11-0) 7th to The Historicance (15-0) at Newtony (2m 100pts India, 22012, havey, Nov 24, 13 cm), HORN OF PLENTY, never negres 5th 16-30 behind 10-31 by Annoch (11-10) over 2m at Chapston, previously (11-7) 14-16 to 10 is 8 frown This there (2m 4t India, 25571, soft, Feb 10, ICENTI, only 10th to Joy RGs last time, earlier (11-0) best Paulistin (11-0) a head at Toucasiar (2m India, 2534, good, Nov 15, 17 cm). Netections HORN OF PLENTY.

2.15 FOOD BROKER-ARMOUR HANDICAP CHASE (25,843; 3m 17) (8)

10969-p SCRITILLA BOY (Airs H Houterooks) Sirs H Houterooks 8-11-7

#08-404 SCOT LANE (CD) (T Isharwood) MTsie 11-10-13 120-25 MAORI VENTURE (Major J Rubin) A Turnel 8-10-11 11/13-p PRINCE ROWAN (BF) (J Poynton) Mrs M Dickinson 8-10-10 3311-0 ONAPPEORSE (C) (T Mandomich) Denys Swith 8-10-7 3221-12 DOOR LATCH (H Joe) J Gifford 6-10-7 DOOR LATCH (H Joe) J Gifford 6-10-7 142-404 HERRI CAPTAIN (A Whatmarn) J Old 8-10-4 POOCK HELL (P Thompson') J Vestbur 9-10-2 1983; Museo 7-10-0 B de Heart (5-1) F Winter 8 ran.

2 Door Latch, S Knock HS, 9-2 Prince Rowers, 7 Scot Lane, 8 Herr Capitan, Meet Ve

offines.

PORNIE: SCOT LIAME (18-7) 117s1 4th and ONAPROMISE (19-7) 10 further back less of 5 bat Wayward Lad (12-d) at haydrock (bit oft, 27187, good to soft, Nov 27). NAORI VENTURE, ne dangerous 8th (10-13) to hind Free (11-10) in the Macisson, previously (11-d) 42 and of 7 young Lower (10-10) at Newbory 22-th 41ch, 22-74, good, Nov 7, PRINCE NOWAR, pulsed up respiparance, previously (10-5) 4 and of 7 to Phil the Fixiat (10-0) at Wetherby San 100yds 27365, good, Nov 7, PRINCE NOWAR, pulsed up respiparance, previously (10-5) 4 and of 7 to Phil the Fixiat (10-0) at Wetherby San 100yds 27365, good, Done 1, Controlled (10-5) at Auction 2736, and 11-0) at Sandown (3rd 11-9) do Cyternoline (10-5) at Auction 2736, and 11-0) at Sandown (3rd 11-9) do ch. 24643, from, Nov 3, 5 at Deady (11-2) at Kempton (3m 5f ch, 22520; good to soft, Nov 22, NOVICK MILL (11-7) b Octoby (11-2) of at Newbury (3m ch, 22448, good to soft, Nov 14, 5 am).

Selections 2000 LATCH.

2.50 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE (Qualifier: \$2,540: 2m 4f) (9)

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S211-28 CAMBIN (CD) (BF) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholeon 8-11-10
11129-1 LEAN AR AGRIADH (D) (Mrs W Tutloch) S Mailer 7-11-10
1190-9 CATCH PRASE (C KUT) J Gifford 7-11-10
1190-9 CATCH PRASE (C KUT) J Gifford 8-11-5
2219-13 DESTRY BAY (D) (G Johnson) N Henderson 8-11-5
1119-44 GRATIFICATION (Am B Samuel) F Writer 7-11-5
304-92 MACCLIVER (A Brighty C A Bed 8-11-5
ROSY GLEAN (H Memorial) H Memoria 7-11-6
110-626 DISHCLOTH (Larly S froots) Larly 8 Broots 10-11-18
110-626 DISHCLOTH (Larly S froots) Larly 8 Broots 10-11-18

3.25 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Qualifier: handicap: £3,015: 3m) (18)

LAWNISMOOD SESS (CD) (A HER) D Nicholisos 6-11-9

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I HAVENTALISMOT (C) Phiposi T Balley 8-11-5

ANEX (D) (D Tyler) Mrs N Smith 7-11-5

ANEX (D) (D Mrs T Philosoph A Ayest B-10-6

CELTIC TIME (Mrs R D Dinnary A Turnel 7-10-8

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MAKET THEASHRE (D) (Mrs T) Gerrigo Libr) J Oct 7-10-6

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LE SARTHOLS (T Regger) Mrs S Desemport 7-10-6

MOSEY BELL (P GWY) R Holder 4-10-6

RYEDMAE (R Wright) P Cundal 7-10-0

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AMERICAN (D) A Holder Mrs S 11-4 J J O'Nell (7-1) R Hollinshead 14 ran.

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Postriote Seat, Mise Write and Startey Grove, 18 others.

PORSE MAYENTALIGHT, (11-7) Sta to Goosey Gander (10-10), lest year (11-0) Std Srd to Acadeh (11-10) at Chepstow (2m India, 811,132, good to safe, Mer 13, 10 rand, SPACED OUT, (13-2) best (Interioration (11-11) by a best lever, AMEX (10-12) birth class in 7th, WARDER FOR SPORT, (10-1) 11th and LAWRISWOOD MISS (11-10) salided off (3m If India, 24,142, soft, Nov 10, 16 ram). John WILLOUGEST, (11-3) graving on 2013 5th to Chrysson (10-0) at Witnerston (2m India, 17-43, good, Nov 15, 13 ram). SHERLEY GROVE, feel lest time, previously (10-2) best Staggarans Larly (10-2) by 51 at Ultimoster (3m India, 21,555, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response 15th India, 21,555, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,555, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (10-3) in near (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,555, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram). Right Response (3m India, 21,515, good to soft, Mer 17, 17 ram).

Right Regent can be king for a day Tuck warms up for battle of the Lads

By Michael Seely

Saturday when riding his twentieth winner of the season on Inkling in the Tote Novices Chase at Uttoxeter yesterday. After a hard-fought bettle over the last two fences the 2-1 favourite withstood the sustained challenge of Northern Bay to win an exciting race by a length.

exciting race by a length.

"I'm looking forward to being on Burrough Hill Lad's back again," the jockey, who won the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Jenny Pitman's magnificent chaser at Cheltenham has March, said. "I also mjoyed winning on Inkling this afternoon. I'm sorry that Steve (Youlden) had to miss out after his accident at Sedesfield but I'm affaid their she Sedemield, but I'm afraid that's the ups and downs of racing." Inkling gave Harry Wharton his Inkling gave Harry Wharton his fourth victory of the season from the 12 horses he trains at Wetherby. "This horse was a useful, tough hundler who stays well and has taken to fences", Wharton said. "If things continue to go Inkling's way, he could well end up in the line-up for the Sun Alliance Chase, at Chaltenburn"

Dickinson are showing any sighs of backing down from the eagerly awaited confrontation between the etherby toznomow.

"Stan Riley, Burrough Hill Lad's owner doesn't like Haydock and sees no point in running there for £5,000 instead of £15,000 at Wetherby," Mrs Pitman said. "It's my job to domy best for him and

It was a case of the morning after the night before at the Newmarket December Sales yesterday as humbler fare were paraded in front

humbler fare were paraded in front of a sparse attendance (Simon O'Loughlin writes).

John Horgan, an Irish breeder, made headlines the previous day as the new owner of Puget Sound, a 520,000 guineas purchase. But he had only to go to 44,000 guineas yesterday — one of the day's top prices — to secure Red Roman, a four-year-old Solinus mare from Cloughran Stud

Uttoxeter results

OORNO: Good to Soft
12.46 (2m crit 1, BME ING CAVALIER (Angus
Markers, 10-1); 2, Dee Print (M Caswed, 40-1);
3, Tiermane (G Williams, 7-2, ALSO Rahe
Evens law Sellys Curouseds (20,) 4 Crack A
John (f), 33 AB Bright (5th), Jesters Night (4th),
50 Nobleu (f), 8 ran, 1 (g), 52, 1 (g), 81, A Machen
at Newmarket, TOTE: 214.40; 21.40, 22.20,
21.10, DF: 22.40 (whener or second with any
horse), CSF: 2203.16.

1.15 (2m 4f inch) 1, RUSSIAN SALAD (R ihyett, 11-2); 2, High Barn (R Crant, 10-1); 3, Light Santsone (G Wellams, 6-1); ALSO RANE 2-1 feet Lord Climins (P, 8 Red Report (P, 16 Red Santsone) (P, 12 Looking for Gold (4ff), 18 Porto Louise (5ff), Roche Grit, 20 Santsi (put 33 Irinhia Star, River Warrior (5ff), 50 himpohow, 13 ran, NR: The Knife, 11/4, 31, 42, 51, F Jorden at Loominater. Tottle: \$12.00; 22.80, 22.00, 21.80. DP; 254.90, CSP; 258.11. Tytcast: 2316.56. Wirmer bought in for 1,800 guinese.

2.15 (Sm 25 ch) 1, IMCLING (P Tuck, 2-1 fm/; 2, Northern Bay (G Williams, 9-2; 8, Covent Garden (S J O'Hall, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tullamanthe (Srit), 8 Gorso (pd., 18 HR Green (4th), 20 Outer: HR fm., 25 Gold Spee, Something Special Unit, 35 Gendouge Lane, 66 Cambro Boy (pd., Chalterd HR (5th), 12 ma., 11, 10, 8, 3, 10, H Wharlon at Wetherby, TOTE 22.80; 21.70, 22.20, 21.90. DP: 27.40, GSP: 511.84.

2.45 (2m 4i Indie) 1, WOBLING-PEARS, (K Drolen, 4-1); 2, Majestic Lad (P A Charlton, 11-1); 3, Gaint Fmi (R O'Lamy, 7-4 km), ALSO RAN 7 Lucitates (4th), 8. Martiners Dream (5th), Shapbards Hyson, 12 Secret Welk, 16 Chardo, 33 Softerio (5th), Hayton Boy, Karutes (ps), Val's Pride (ps), Shocksign, Yafeksar (ps), Val's Pride (ps), 15 mm, NFC Lemmiwood Avenger, 194, 251, 104, 44, dat. E. J Akston at Preston, TOTE: £5.40; £1.80, £1.90, £2.00, DP; £12.00, CSP, £17.82.

2.15 Grn 11 Inde) 1, TRY TO REMEMBER (H. Davise, 5-1); 2, Our White Hest (A. Chepman, 3-1); 3, Clinton (Ar M. Bonley, 10-1), ALSO RAIt: 2-1 fay High Removn, 7 Wordsworth (4th), 8 Incanne, Regal Express (401), 18 German, 20 Captain Pry, 25 Great Shadow (I), Bryon (5th, 13 inc.), Mit. Woolcowers, 8, VA, 3, 12, 31, R. J. Holder at Bristol, TOTE 24,80; 21,50, 52,50, 23,20, DP; 211,70, CSP; 222,56, Tricest E142,59.

Phil Tuck showed himself to be in fine form for his reunion with Burrough Hill Lad at Wetherby on by having a hard race."

by having a hard race".

Mrs Dickinson is also looking forward to taking on Gaye Brief with Browne's Gazette in Cheltenham's Bula Hurdle. "I'm under no illusn about the difficult task facing us", she said. "Gaye Brief is a very good hurdler indeed, but there's no harm in trying to find out where we stand. And don't forget that the big meeting at Cheltenham is still a long way off."

No decision has yet been reached

about a jockey for Browne's Gazette, who is owned by the Coventry City chairman, John Poynton. Dermot Browne, last season's champion amateur and Browne's Gazette's regular jockey, is out of action after heading his out of action after breaking his fall on Green Menclek at Hexham Oraham Bradley is still feeling the effects of the injury he sustained when spraining a wrist at Leicester on Tuesday. "We'll have to wait and see how Graham is in the morning, before deciding what to do", Mrs Dickinson concluded.

Cheltenham". Neither Mrs Pitman or Monica died when collapsing after the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, makes his come back at Cheltenham tomorrow after a 20-month lay-off. David was in a terrible state after his Gold Cup run and I thought he was finished. We never found out what caused his distress. He recovered, but hanged a leg last winter and was

was Mrs Lupe Vicites, a Madrid-based agent, Mrs Vicites bought 14 foals last week and yesterday she added a dozen mares and horses out

of training.

Mrs Vieites is involved in a new

opening in Marbella within the next two years," she said. Mrs Vicries is also the breeder of Mintage, winner of more than \$200,000 in the US.

Going Soft
12.30 (2m 11 hole) 1, TRIKENSFIELD (G. McCourt, 25-1; 2, Pants Prince B Powel,
-1; 3, biy Aisting P Leach, 5-2; ALSO RAN:
B-11 fev Hard Line (rd), 12 Brave Words, Stock
Hill Lad, 25 Half's Prince, Wot No Seel, 33
Come On Grade (8th), Laurenbel Seil, Record
Red, 50 Hot Handed (8th) Mr Bernangton foul,
Revenged, Maintzum, Rose Red Cty., 15 mm,
NR: Golden Home, B, B, 2, KJ, Sl. J Old at
Bristol, TOTE ESO.Br, 24.80, 21.50, 22.80, DF:
ESO.Bo, CSF; 2189.83,
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18-1); 2, Ar Cadet (8 British Escien, 4-7; 3,
Good Investment (Georye Kolpite, 25-1), ALSO

Good Investment (George Kright, 25-1). Also RAN: 8-2 for Pempered Gipsy (8th.), 3 Romany Loy, 4 Steep Boy (8th.), 12 Romany Loy, 4 Steep Boy (8th.), 12 Romany, 25 Oliver Goldensth, Stoffand, 33 Thomas A Bectart (nut) 50 Laughter Lines (8th.)

Goldenith, Sictions, 33 Thomas A Beclast (pu) 50 Laughter Lines (5th), Portadore (pu), Registons Girl (pu), Guard The Fort, 15 rm., NF: Loiss Dencer, 11(), hd, 25(), 8(, 12), R Hodges at Someton, TOTE-29.30; 21.80, 21.80, 25.50, DF: 225.10, CSF: 178.46, No bid.

at Somerton, TOTE 29.30; 21.80, 21.80, 25.30. DP: 225.70. CSP: 278.46. No bid.

1.30 (27c. Sf cth) 1, SER NORMWIN (A Webber, S-1; 2, Lancky Gaurge (R Linby, 15-8 tary; 2, John's Present (P Richards, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 4 Fer-Kil (f) 11 Reval Marra; (8th), 20 Rastrian Corporal (f) Fetoclous Kright, 33 Miss Abwah (f), Cube Hot (4th), 40 Captain Pet (80). 50 Broughton Las (Sh), Double Barrel (f), He Mestars Volce (f), Jimmy First (sd., 14 ren, MR: Aloran; 19/1, 51, 20, 15), 29/4, R Armytage, at Lest Issley, TOTE 28.50; E1.30, 21.40, 21.60, DP: 28.00 CSP: 277.25.

20 (2m 3) Yolley 1, REDGRAVE ROSE (P Richards 14-1); 2, Completing the A J Wilson 10-1); 3, Shans And Stripes (J Frost 11-10 Say). ALSO RAN: 4 Meen'in (4th), 8 Yellow Int., 10 Deep Conct., 16 Walnut Way (5th) 20 Princess May, Fordon Free, 33 Ruther Magin (8th), 50 Easter Rose (P LL), Fideny Jame (P LL), Bid Rolley, Furny Markens, So Penth, Nearly A Tampo, Outwood Lase, Weveney Wist, 18 mn, 14, 172, 4, 4, 3, 8, 8 Bahop at Bridgenter.

10TE 215.90; 22.40, 22.40, 61.60, DF 2163.40. CSF 214.237.

TOTTE PIS-90: E2-40, E2-40, E1-60. DF P163-40.
CSF P14-237.
2-30 (Sm 11 ch) 1, RUNI AND BKUP (S Mornhead 7-2; 2, Visious (S Smith Excise 7-2; 3, Fire Drift (P Richards 9-1), ALSO RAN: B-11 fav Dr Pupper (f), 40 Gold Racer (f), 5 ren. 3, 18, 19, 19 pearing at Aloaster Tote: E4-80, E1-50, E2-30.
DF 22-50, CSF P14-86.
3-0 (2m 25 folio) 1, BMSC Eight BRIDGE (L. Harvey 33-1); 2, Mendelseak (A Price 8-1); 3, Wild Carp (Mises H Chard 12-1); 4, Rastra (M Armyrage 7-1), ALSO RAN: 5-174 Barrara Lad, 6 Cassarra Lad, 6 Erryram, 13-2 Floradolf (Sh), 12-1 Havon AH, 16 Tornay Tudor, 20 Cornich Griente, Law Bench, 25 Keep Saustering (Sh), 10-m Boscial, 33 Sharrigon (PJL), Glasgow Central, Courting Boy, Rachol Street, Rainbow Boring, 20 ran, 11, 7-1, 2-7-1, 12, 11, J Roberts at Therson, Totte 552-60; E520, E200, E1-80, E2-50. DF E745-70. CSF PLACEPOT: 230.55.

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Humbler fare for Horgan

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POLDRIME (J Salley) Salley 8-1 1983: Florinadoir 5-11-0 Mr C Brooks (11-10 fev) F Winter 18 rap. 13-8 Selion's Dence, 7-2 Annealey, 5 Northern Beau, 5 Flying Officer, 8 Henry Bell, 12 Derryinver, 14 My Tardet, 16 others. Devon selections By Mandarin

1.45 Annesley, 1.15 Cats Eyes, 1.45 Silva Linda, 2.15 I Wonder When, 2.45 Memberson, 3.15 Allied Newcastle.



.45 BLACKDOWN STUD CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novice chase: mares



7-4 Silva Linde, S Celtic Ball, 9-2 Deep Moppet, 7 Celtic Beauty, & Golden Homet, 10 auctionering firm in Spain where racing is set for a boost, "Prize money is going up by 50 per cent next year and a new racecourse is

2.15 BUZZARD NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (3-y-o: £416: 2m 1f) (12) DO21/ I WONDER WHEN (B) (CD) (A Hurd L Kormard 11-0

BATTLE MASTER (A Newcombe) C Hill 10-7

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O ALINOST CAUGHT (V Cox) P Burgoyne 10-2

DAPRON BLUE (E McCalminate) M O'Talloran 10-2

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OO BASSETT GRIER LI Transf T Bulget 10-2

OO CHASE THE CLOUDS (W Williams) W R Williams 10-2

OO BYRINGS TO MIND (B) (B Massey) W G Morris 10-2

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THISTLEFIELD (C HII) C HII 10-2 1983: Not So Deer 4-10-7 R Goldstein (5-1) A Davison 17 nm.

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2.45 TWYSDEN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £1,322: 3m 1f) (12) 1963: Gliddycan 7-19-5 P Richards (8-1) K Biehop 15 ran. 3 Memberson, 4 Vrgin Soldier, 5 Glen Berg, 6 Gliddycan, 8 Cheadle Green, 10 Royacer, 12 Fort Courage, 15 Bautiding Byway, 20 others.

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Today's course specialists

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Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Trial to be

proper as

well as fair

Where the prosecution decided not to call certain witnesses, although it was open to the judge to call those witnesses himself in the interests of justice, he had a duty to

ensure that the trial was conducted properly as well as fairly.

property as well as fairty.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Simon Brown) so held on November 29, dismissing an appeal by Roy John Hickman against his

conviction on November 11, 1983 at Dudley Crown Court (Judge Stuart-White and a jury) of reckless

driving.
LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said.

that at the defendant's first trial the prosecution had called several police officers, all of whom were cross-examined at great length by the defendant, who had appeared in

At the re-trail, the prosecution decided, having called one witness

who was again subjected to a protracted cross-examination, not

to call any more witnesses.

The question was whether the

judge should have interfered with the prosecution's decision. Although the principles in R v Oliva ((1965) 49 Cr App R) still obtained, it was

person. The jury failed to agree.

Regina v Hickman

Turban ban is racial discrimination

Before Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown [Judgment delivered November 26]

The licensee of a public house who gave his doormen strict instructions to refuse entry to instructions to refuse entry to persons whom they thought might cause trouble or be associated with persons who had caused trouble within the premises was not guilty of racial discrimination when his doormen refused entry to three Indians, an Iranian and a Pakistani, and the premise and a compalition of the compalities. and there was no compelling evidence why the county court judge should have drawn the inference that the doormen reinsed admission on racial grounds.

The licensee was, however, guilty

of racial discrimination when he refused entry to a plaintiff who was wenning a turban because customers with hats on were not allowed in the premises, but, aithough the plaintiff was entitled to a declaration the defendant was not liable to pay damages because he was protected by section 57(3) of the Race Relations Act 1976.

Relations Act 1976.

The Court of Appeal dismissed appeals by five plaintiffs from a decision of Judge Percy sitting with an assessor at Newcastle upon Tyne County Court, who dismissed their claims against Mr Nigel D. T. Vaulkhard, licensee of the 42nd Street public house, Hood Street, Newcastle, for an immedian Newcastle, for an injunction restraining him from unlawfully discriminating against them when offering facilities or services to the public, for declarations that the defendant's actions were unlawful and contrary to section 20 (1) (a) of the Race Relations Act 1976 and for

The court allowed a cross-appeal by the defendant against an award of £100 damages to the third plaintiff, Dr Maujit Singh, who had been excluded from the defendant's been excluded from the detendent's premises because he was wearing a turban, on the ground that although the defendant had unlawfully discriminated against Dr Manjit Singh, he was protected by section 57(3) of the Race Relations Act 1975 from having to pay demands. treating the claimant unfavourably on racial grounds". Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr Nigel Gilmour for the plaintiffs; Mr Charles Morgan for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that the defendant had been in the licensed trade in Newcastle upon Tyne for some years. At common law he could serve only those customers he chose to serve and he had given instructions to his and he had given instructions to his doormen to serve only customers who appeared to be over 21.

In summer 1981 he was told by his under-manager that some foreigners had been smoking cannabis on his premises and there was evidence of other underirable activities in which coloured persons had been involved.

had been involved. He gave strict instructions to his doormen to tighten up control; the doormen were given a free hand and

doormen were given a free hand and if they were in any doubt whether a person was likely to cause trouble they were to exclude rather than admit him. In pursuance of that policy a considerable number of people were refused admission.

The first two plaintiffs, Indian has divers, were well-dressed men of impeccable character. They were refused entry. The first plaintiff said that the doorman told him he had that the doorman told him he had been told not to let in foreigners and when asked why said that "you people have been making trouble

The judge concluded that those two plaintiffs were serious in thinking that they were being rejected because they were coloured but that they were wrong and that the doorman, having to make a snap decision, decided that they might be the door man be the door man be the decision. associated with people making trouble in the public house. That was a question of fact on which the judge and the assessor had to make up their minds.

in their minds.

His Lordship was mable to conclude that the judge, in refusing to draw the infraence that the plaintiffs were being discriminated against on the ground of colour, was

against on the ground of colour, was acting perversely.

The pattern was repeated when the fourth plaintiff, an Iranian, was refused entry on the ground that the premises were full, which it was conceded was unrue. But the judge accepted that it was another exercise of discretion by the doorman who erroneously thought that the fourth plaintiff was a man who might be associated with people who had caused trouble previously.

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When the fifth and sixth plaintiffs, an Indian and a Pakistani, pannins, an indian and a ransam, were told they could not go in, the doorman was asked why and he said "Well, all you lot are trouble makers". The judge found that the words "you lot" were not directed to discrimination but that the doorman thought the two plaintiffs were part of a group of coloured persons who had caused trouble.

An enormous number of people An enormous number of people had been refused entry to the premises and because of that background and the previous experience of the defendant his Lordship was quite unpersuaded that on the basis of the way the doormen expressed themselves the court could have thought that they were refusing curry on the basis of racial discrimination rather than on the basis that they might be associated with troublemakers as the judge and the assessor found.

A plaintiff who based his appeal on perversity had a heavy burden to discharge. In the present case the evidence was not such that the judge and the assessor were compelled to draw the inference that the doormen refused admission on racial grounds. His Lordship would dismiss the appeals of the first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth plaintiffs.

The third plaintiff Dr Mannt The third plaintif. Dr Manni Singh, was refused admission by the, defendant himself who said he could not go in because he was wearing a bat. The defendant did not allow anyone in with hats on. The doctor was wearing a turban. The judge was satisfied that the reason for the defendant's decision

But, by a cross-appeal the defendant submitted that the judge was not entitled to assess damages on the assumption that the House of Lords might overrule the Court of Appeal in Mandle, which he had done in the sum of £100, because the defendant was protected by section 57(3) of the 1976 Act. It appeared to his Lordship that

As the law then stood Sikhs were

that decision ([1983] 2AC 548).

The defendant now accepted that he was guilty of indirect discrimination in pursuance of section 1(1) (b) of the 1976 Act and that Dr. Manjit Singh was entitled to a declaration that the defendant had anlawfully discriminated against him.

the requirement not to wear a turban was not applied with the intention of treating the doctor unfavourably on racial grounds.

That being so he concluded that the defendant was entitled to the protection provided by section 57(3) and it was not a case in which it was appropriate to make an award of

Lord Justice Stephen Brown delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Cuff Roberts North Kirk, Liverpool; R. & R. F. Kidd &

Cross-examination allowed

in the county court and dealt with

proceedings should be conducted informally the rules of natural justice should be observed.

Driver not covered by duty to insure

he was wearing a turben and the defendant equated wearing a turben with wearing a hat and wearing a hat within his premises was likely to cause transle w Motor Insurers' [1983] 1 WLR 592), dismissed the plaintiff's claim against the defendants, the Motor Insurers' Bureau, for a declaration or order that the defendants were liable, pursuant to clause 2 of the Motor Insurers' Russey (Compression of Vicines not regarded as a racial group within the meaning of the Race Relations Act 1976 consequent upon the decision of the Court of Appeal in Mandla v Dowell Lee ([1983] QB 1) but the House of Lords overtuled that decision (1983) 232 245 (548) Before Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce, Lord Justice Dillon and Mr Justice Ewbank

[Judgment delivered November 27] The insurance obligations under sections 143 and 145 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 were not intended to insure against death or personal injury the person actually using the vehicle but were only intended to cover the user's liability to others. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal pursued on behalf of the plaintiff, Mr Clifford

George Cooper (deceased) by the administrator of his estate, from Mr Barry Chedlow, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division. (The Times July 19, 1982;

Status of voluntary liquidator

In re John Batesou & Co Ltd A voluntary liquidator, as

opposed to a compulsory liquidator, was not an officer of the court, Mr Justice Harman said in the Chancery Division on November

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was sought to apply by analogy the rule in bankruptcy in Ex parte James ((1874) LR 9 Ch App 609), concerning standards imposed on officers of the court, to the case of a chicers of the court, to the case of a chicers of the court, to the case of a chicers of the court, to the case of a chicers of the court, to the case of a chicers of the court, to the case of a chicer of the case of the cas company is voluntary liquidation. He rejected the argument that the principle had application to the present case on the ground that not all the conditions necessary for its application had been fulfilled.

application had been fulfilled.

Had he not done so, he would have found difficulty in resisting the argument that a voluntary liquidator was not an officer of the court (however odd it might be that liquidators in compulsory and voluntary fiquidations should be treated differently) in the light of In re Sandiford (No 2) ([1935] Ch 681) where the court considered that an executor was not a party to whom the orinciple could apply. the principle could apply.

clause 2 of the Motor Insurers' Bureau (Compensation of Victims of Uninsured Drivers) Agreement of November 22, 1972, to satisfy a High Court judgment previously obtained by the plaintiff against Mr Brendon Killacky, for damages of £213,207 for personal injuries, loss and damage sustained by the plaintiff when road testing Mr Killacky's motor cycle, due to his negligence in failing to warn the plaintiff that the brakes of the motor cycle were defective. Mr Killacky cycle were defective. Mr Killacky had not been insured against thirdparty risks as required by section 143(1) of the Act and was himself

Tax stated case time limit is mandatory

Valleybright Ltd (in voluntary liquidation) v Richardson (In-spector of Taxes) Section 56 (4) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 provided

that a party requiring com-missioners hearing and determining a 12x appeal to state a case "shall transmit the case, when stated and signed, to the High Court, within thirty days". That provision was not merely directory but was imperative and mandatory. Strict compliance with its terms was essential and any quence that the High Court had no jurisdiction to hear that party's

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division on November 29 when deciding a preliminary point in relation to a corporation tax appeal from a determination of general commissioners by Valley-bright Ltd (in voluntary liquidation), a Rossminster Group company. That company's admitted failure to transmit the case stated to the Wich Court prithin the 30 day the High Court within the 30-day period deprived the court of jurisdiction to entertain the appeal.

Section 145(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 provides: "... the policy(a) must insure such ... persons ... as may be specified in the policy in respect of any liability which may be incurred by ... them in respect of the death of or bodily injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the use of the vehicle on a road ..."

Mr Michael Wright, QC and Mr Stephen Waine for the plaintiff, Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Andrew Prynne for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE said that is was clear that the obligation imposed on the insured by section 143(1) was to take out a policy covering him in respect of third party risks which, whatever ambiguity that phrase might have, did not include the actual driver of the vehicle at the time when the use of the vehicle gave rise to the damage.

Although taken by itself the phrase "any person" in section 145(3) (a) was unrestricted, as soon as the obligation imposed by section 143 was considered it necessarily followed that the phrase must have been intended to be restricted in scope to exclude the driver of the vehicle at the time of the risk.

Lord Justice Dillon and Mr Justice Ewbank agreed.

Solicitors: Horwood & James, Aylesbury: L. Bingham & Co.

the judge's duty to ensure that a proper as well as a fair trial could be conducted, and he was well within his discretion to refuse to intervene No right to be heard

jurisdiction under paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)
Act 1982, which deaft with street
trading consents, a district council
was not obliged to hear oral
representations from the applicants nor to give reasons for its decisions. An established street trader within paragraph 7 did not have an existing legal right which might be forfeited as a result of the council's decision expectation that the consent would be granted. The council was entitled to decide that there were too many

Regina v Bristol City Council, mobile traders and to refuse Ex parte Pearce and Another consents to some. Mr Justice Glidewell so held in the Queen's Beach Division on November 26 dismissing an application for judicial review. HIS LORDSHIP went on to say

that as a matter of general principle a council considering applications for consents which received and entertained letters of objection, apart from its own officers or the police, was under a duty to tell the applicants of the content of the objections and to give them some opportunity to comment.

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57(3) of the Race Relations Act 1976 from laving to pay damages.
Section 57(3) of the 1976 Act provides: "As respects an unlawful act of discrimination... no award of damages shall be made if the respondent proves that the requirement or condition in question was not applied with the intention of

Chilton and Another v Saga Holidays plc Where a small claim was oursued

under the arbitration procedure provided by Order 19, rule 5 of the County Court Rules 1981, a party to the arbitration was entitled to cross-examine the other party or his witnesses notwithstanding that one of the parties and provided to cross-examine the other party or his witnesses notwithstanding that one of the parties was unrepresented. Although the county court rules provided that the arbitration

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stade and Lord Justice

Lord Justice Stade and Lord Justice Lloyd) so stated on December 3 allowing an appeal by the defendant from the dismissal by Judge Turner at Chelmsford County Court of his appeal against the registrar's refusal to allow his solicitor's cross-examin-ation of the plaintiff.

Proof of knowledge of absence of licence required

Westminster City Council v establishment, and that it was not necessary for it to prove knowledge Croyalgrange Ltd and Another Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment delivered November 29] Where a person was charged with knowingly permitting premises to be used as a sex establishment without the grant of a licence by the local authorized to use of the persons as a sex establishment without the grant of a licence by the local authorized to use of the permises as a sex establishment without the grant of a licence by the local authorized to use of the permises as local authority, contrary to paragraph 20(1) (a) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, it was provisions) Act 1982, it was provisions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, it was provided to use of the sex establishment. necessary for the prosecutor to prove that the accused knew not the words "causes or permits the only that the premises were being used as a sex establishment but also ordinary construction of paragraphs." that no licence had been granted.

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held, dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Westmins-ter City Council from the dismissal by Mr Ronald Bartle, Bow Street Stipendiary Magistrate, on December 29, 1983, of (1) two informations alleging that Croyalgrange Ltd had on two days in February 1983 knowingly permitted the use of premises at 4 Peter Street, Soho, as a Sex establishment without the grant ex establishment without the grant of a licence by the council under Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act; and (2) two informations alleging against Mr Charles Greeh that the offence alleged against Croyalgrange Ltd had been committed with his connivance, he being a director of the company, whereby he as well as the company was guilty of the

Paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act provides that no person shall use any premises as a sex establishment except in accord-ince with the terms of a licence granted by the appropriate autho-tiv.

Paragraph 20 (1) provides: "A person who - (a) knowingly uses, or knowingly causes or permits the use of any premises... contrary to paragraph b... or... (c) being the holder of a licence under this Schedule, without reasonable excuse knowingly contravenes, or without reasonable excuse knowingly per-mus the contravention of a term, condition or restriction specified in the licence... shall be guilty of an

offence."
Mr John Samuels, QC and Mr Roger McCarthy for the council: Mr John W Rogers, QC, for the

defendants.
LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that the court had to answer the question whether, in order to constitute an offence contrary to section 2 of and paragraphs 6 (1) and 20 (1) (a) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, it was necessary for the prosecution to prove that the defendant knew that the use made of the premises, or the use which he had caused or permitted, was other than under and in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the local authority under Schedule 3.

The council had submitted that

the word "knowingly" in paragraph 20 (1) (a) was directed only to the

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Lordship would expect that con-Lordship would expect that con-struction; it was not offensive that Parliament should have intended that a person who honestly believed that a licence had been granted should not be guilty of an offence. Paragraph 6(1) was so drawn that it provided that premises should not be used as a sex establishment except in accordance with a licence. The council had contended that the

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However, this case did not concern the burden of proof applicable to this offence but whether the requirement of know-ledge applied to the absence of the licence, and so the burden of proof

cases were not of assistance.

Neither did Brooks v Mason ([1902] 2 KB 743) assist. There it had been held that since statute required a vessel to be scaled it was

Act to persuade his Lordship that he should not apply the ordinary principles of construction. It was necessary for the prosecutor to prove that the defendant knew that no licence had been obtained, although, as Mr Justice Devlin had said in Roper v Taylor's Central Garages (Exeter) Ltd ([1951] 2 TLR reasonable inquiries.

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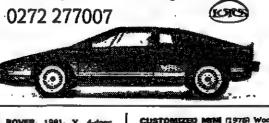
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Nothing trutch more was heard both of which CVT so until October 1983, when Fiat cured, and higher cost. announced a CVT version of its Uno model, to be called the CVT might add to a car's price, Unomatic, with production due to though it is conceded that there will it is a good time, therefore, to 42.2 mpg start in the middle of 1984. It also be a penalty. It will depend partly on look at the diesel Sierra, available in Length: 14ft 9ins said that the transmission would be how many CVT units are made; but saloon and estate forms and Insurance: group 3 used on other Fiat and on Lancia since high volume would be helped

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Though the greatest benefit is to the high mileage company driver, rather than the private motorist, the Sierra diesel does make sense as a family car. There are times, notably when trying to overtake, when more power would be welcome; and away from city centres it can be difficul finding a garage which stocks diesel. Against this the tank is big enough (just over 13 gallons) to give a range of at least 400 miles.

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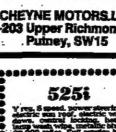
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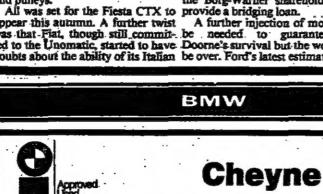
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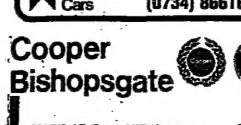


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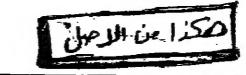
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> Faulds Wood's consumer report, and guest Tommy 9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga, Lesson 16; the Standing Leg Grip.

video and pop news; Lynn

9.10 Mastermind, introduced by Magnus Magnusson from the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, in this, the third semi-final, Neville Cohen answers questions on the life of Isaac Newton; Katherine Heaney on the life of Queen Victoria; Rachel Leonard on the life and work of Jane Austen: and Kate. Vernon-Parry on the life and work of Beatrix Potter (r) 9.40 Ceefax, 10.30 Play School (r); 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Moira Shuart and Frances Coverdale The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon; 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines. with subtiti

1.00 Pebble MIE at One with guests, singer Tony Bennett, Jill Crawshaw who examines the pros and cons of shopping trips across the Channel, and Peter Seabrook in the Pebble Mill garden. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister

Men (r). 2.00 Racing from Cheltenhem. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of three races - the Foodbrokers-Armour Steeplechase (2.15) the Embassy Premier Steeplechase Qualifier (2.50);

and the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifier (3.20).3.48 Regional news (not London). 3.50 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Milibank; 4.10 The Family-Ness; 4.15 Jacksnory. Penelope Keith reads the story of The Princess and the Frog (r); 4.30 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince; 4.55 Hartbeat:

Tony Hart with Joanna Kirk examines construction lines-underneath a picture. 5.15 Crackerjack presented by Stu-Francis with guests who include the Kane Gang and Kath Harris with Orville, 5.58

Weather. 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholes Witchell 6.30 London Plus. 6.55. Cartoon: Tom and Jerry.

7.05 Blankely Blank. Las Dawson's panel consists of Stan Boarman, Henry Kelly, Bounie Langlord, Bertice Reading, Berty Reid and MP, Cyril

compilation of clips from the successful series of Carry On 8.05 Bergerac. A jewel thief who

happens to be a pretty woman arrives on Jersey at the time of an important jewel auction. Unbeknown to Bergerac she is only on holiday and leads the poticeman on a merry dance until a large diamond is stolen in the middle of the auction (r)

9.00 News with Julia Somerville. 9.25 The Secret Servant. Part two of the three-part thriller starring Charles Dance.

10.20 Film: North Dallas Forty (1979) starring Nick Nolte. American football drama about a player who has seen better days. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (first showing on British television). 12.20 Weather.

Tv-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30. 7.00, 7,30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; Jan Walsh discusses perfume packaging at 7:10; pop video at 7:54; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; best Christmas buys at 8.47; advice on holidays at Christmas at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headines, 9.30 For Schools: Middle English, 9.48 Railways, 10.06 Machines that make work. 10.25 Producing a television programme. 10.50 Cartoon Time.

11.00 Farmhouse Kitchen, Authentic curry making advice from Priya. Wickramssinghe 11.30 Crown Court: The final part of the trial of the firm of solicitors accused of a breach of trust(r). 12.00 Teetine and Claudis (r) 12.10
Rainbow, Learning with
puppets 12.30 Never Toe
Early, Never Too Late. Civis

Kelly and Diana Walls-continue their series examining every facet of education. 1.00 News at One 1.20 Thames news with Tina Jenkins. 1.30 Film: Raw Edge (1956) starring Yvonne de Carlo, Hory Calhoun and Rax Reason. Off beat Western drama about the wife of a

ruthless rancher whose life is threatened by his men. An added complication is that the added complication is the local rules state that the vidow must marry the first person to claim her, Directed by John Sherwood 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames news headines 3.30

Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Reliabow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.20 Will Cwee Cwee.
Adventures of a naughty duck 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. Toad opens his home to the

4.50 litueions. Fergus Roy. continues his series on the world of magic with an examination of the mysteries of practitioners from India and the Far East 5.15

5.45 News 6.00 The 8 O'Clock Show with Michael Aspel. 7.00 Airwolf. A young woman zaks Hawke and Santini for help in her hunt for the war crim who idled her Nazi-hanter father as he was about to penetrate the Nazi's Paraguayan lair (Oracia). 8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Couples from Bristol and Manchester test

their knowledge of public opinion and their luck at the turn of a card. 8.30 Halielujahi Comedy series starring Thora Hird as. Salvetion Army Captain Emily Ridley (Oracle).

9.00 Eh Brian, It's a Whopper. Comedy drama series about a Midland coarse angling club. in this episode plans are afoot

for an angling holiday in the country - but how many of the members will be able to afford to go? (Oracle). 10.00 Nava at Ten. 10.30 The London Programme.

John Taylor investigates the long-term effects the picket

line violence may have on London policemen who are seconded to picket line duty. 11.00 Darts. The opening matches in the Winmau World Masters. Eric Bristow alms to win for the fifth time while the lacies chempion, Sonya Ralphe, ... hopes to retain her stile.

12.00 Live from London. Rock Goddess in concert. 1.00 ! Spy. Secret service spoof set in the Far East and starring - Bill Cosby and Robert Cusp (r). 1.55 Night Thoughts.

Michael Ontkean, Margot Kidder (Channel 4, 11.15pm)

9.00 Certax.

BBC 2

3.50 Film: Cabin in the Sky" (1943).

An all-black musical starring Ethel Walters, Luna Horne, Louis Armstrong and Duke' Ellington and his Orchestra.

Vincente Minnelli chose this musical, based on the Faust legend, as his introduction to

series discussing points raised by earlier programmes and by what he does best - toppling

5.25 News summery with subtities. 5.30 Fred. Fred Dibnah ends his

tañ chimneys (r).

8.00 Micro Live. Lesley Judd and Chris Patiner play computer games from the oldest to the latest; lan McNaught-Davies

attempts to create a digital Christmas card; and talks to

King Crimson percussioniet, Bill Burtord, about electronic

drum kits; there is a report from New York on a computer

system for making animated cartoons; and there are

ants for the compute

Orwain Arwel Hughes introduces six choirs who are

singing for three places in the semi-final of the competition

suggestions for Christmes

buffs who have everything.

6.50 Choir of the Year 1984.

organized and run by Sainsbury's, From St David's Half, Cardiff.

7.36 Three in the Wild. Part one of

Toran, the Dartmoor Pony, born during a storm but safe under the protection of his father, the lead stallon - until

the father has an accident.

Rosemary Leach and Robert Powell challenge Frank Muir,

Sara Green and Melvyn Bragg

Flamenghi, communist shop staward at Alfa Romeo's Maan

factory during the week, viniculturist at week-ends.

Neutonantis brought to the 4077th, injured when risking

tather, a general, arrives to monitor his son's progress, thus making everybody nervous especially when the young man takes a turn for the worst.

ms. The British premiers of

on, Long Ofin and

Ingrier Bergman's new film After the Reheersal, described by Bergman as a meditation on life in the theatre and of growing old. Starring Fland

Ingrid Thule.

11.25 Film: Hell is for Haroes* (1962).

about a platoon of United

starring Steve McQueen, Bobby Darin and Fess Parker.

States soldiers pinned down in the Autumn of 1944 by the

Germans near the Slegtried Line. Sergeant Pike has trouble with his own troops in

the form of the embittered exsergeant Reese who has.

because of insubordination,

Directed by Don Siegel. Ends

recently been demoted

10.40 Newsnight.

his life to save his men. His

8.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall

to a test of wordy wits.

-8.30 Italians. A profile of Mauro

9.00 NºA*S*H. A wounded

demands hard work from the vie but repays the effort of attention. The film - shown at Cannes in 1983

As grey, dense and tangled as an old man's beard, Ingmar Bergman's AFTER THE REHEARSAL (BBC2, 9.25pm)

but never released in Britain - has a single set - a stage, post-rehearsal - and is, in form, a triangle talkpiece for three actors and two juvenile walk-ons (the younger eives of two of the trio). Henrik Vogler, a director, sits alone, asleep, on stage. Enter, in turn, two

actresses — one, young; obsessed with what she wants to be; one, old, obsessed with what she was. They talk. The tone flickers between Cowardiy back-stage back-stabbing

CHANNEL 4

Paul Becker are in London feeding instructions to Anneka

Rice in Singapore as they thamselves are given clues to

the treasure's whereabout by Kenneth Kendall (r).

anisode of the dramatization

8.30 The Prime of Miss Jeen Brodie. The seventh and final

episode of the dramatization of the novel by Muriel Spark about a middle-eged spinster schoolmistress in Edinburgh. 4.30, Countdown. School cook Kath

Cheetham from Doncaster

arithmetic competition. 5.00 The Addema Family*. Rumour has it that coded radio

challenges yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental

messages are being-transmitted from the Addams

government agent, Briggs, is sent to investigate.

Includes Paula Yates talking to Paul McCartney who explains his feelings towards John Lemon at the time of the Beatles break-up and at the

time of Lennon's murder in

New York. There is also an

interview with Ian McCulioch of Echo and the Burnymen

and live performances from The Stranglers, Icicle Works and Lee 'Scratch' Perry.

7.30 Right to Reply. A selection of

8.00 What the Papers Say, Max Hastings takes a critical look at how the Press had been

handling the week's news.

3.15 A Week in Politics presented by Peter Jay. The programme includes a report on the

privatization of buses and a

to Russia between Richard Parle of the United States

9.00 Tell the Truth, Which of three

people is not lying? The calebrity panel of Beverly

Anderson, Libby Purves,

presented by Hannah Gordon. Tasks for December include

ng and prusng

10.00 Newhert, American comedy

10.30 Just Sax. Part five asks if age

red currante, rasperries and gooseberries (r).

series starring Bob Newhart.

is a commodity that can be bought and sold in ordinary sexual encounters as well as

those with prostitutes and with

pornography. This question is discussed between two groups of seven men and.

The story of two men who try to model their lives on Truffaut's Jules and Jim. The

film follows the course of an

on-off ménage a trois over a period of ten years. Directed

by Paul Mazursky.

1.20 Closedown.

11.15 Film: Willie and Phil (1980) starring Michael Ontiosan, Ray Sharkey and Margot Kidder.

Roger Royle and Willie Rushton try to find out. 9.30 Gardeners' Calendar

Defence Department and Paddy Ashdown MP, Liberal

debate on technology exports

viewers' comments from the Video Box.

7.00' Channiel Four News.

5.30 The Tube. This week's edition

house. Postman and part-time

2.30 Treasure Hunt, Carole and

CHOICE

rather presses the metaphor-long before the late altusion to The Tampest, we've got the message that the characters, such stuff as dreams are made on, are strutting and fretting their flour – but the actors, required by the script to discuss the illusion of acting, splendidly sustain that Illusion.

Film-makers John and Simon King treat wildlife like Tony Palmer treats composers: if the facts of fit, invent them. THREE IN THE

WILD (BBC2, 7.30pm) – depicting the life cycle of a low, a buzzard and, now, a pony – adopts the tone and style of "snake in the gress" natural chema verité but la, in truth (my Cowardy begins the green read of the control of the

Radio 4

Dartmoor Pony, a two-part tale, which bears all of the blemishes of a King film – Sibelius weeping on the soundbrack; a narrator with the smoothed-on warmth of a

rigged climax - the laming of a

continues to build - slickly and writtly - on the wishful thought of a dead composer, Mendl, returning to bite his prospective biographer. Liripet, revealing, among other things, that in "the desolation beyond death", The Times is taken but arrives a day late with the crossword completed.

Mark Lawson

On long wave t stereo on VHF.
5.55 News Briefing: Weather 8.10
Parming Today 8.25 Prayer for
the Day.
6.30 Today, including 8.30, 7.30, 8.30
News summary. 6.55, 7.55
Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25,
8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for Day.
8.35 Yesterday in Partiement.
8.57 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 7.06 News.
7.06 News.
7.20 News.
7.20 Pick of the Week. Mergaret
Howard's extracts from BBC
television and radio programmes.
2.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees reviews
the week's newspapers.
8.45 Any Cuestions? from Dagenhem,
Essec. With Jack Straw MP,
Jenny Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Archer
and JB Knight MP.
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair
Cooke. 9.05 Desert Island Discs. The eastaway is the composer Mildos Rozse (*). I'm composer Mildos Rozse (*). I'm composer Mildos 8. Mildos watches falconer Geoff Pearson and his hunting birds in

Paarson and his hunting birds in action (r).

10.00 News; international Assignment. Lord Carrington is interviewed.

10.30 Morning Story: The Sunday Treat' by Alphonee Daudet. Read by David March.

10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 82).†

11.00 News; Travat, Analysis. The sale of state-owned businesses. With Mary Goldring (r).

11.48 I Beg your Pardon? Animal noises, familiar and otherwise.

12.00 News; You and Yours, Consumer affairs.

affairs.

12.27 Top of the Form, First semi-finel,
Moorhead High School,
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2.00 News; Woman's Hour from
Bristol. Carolyn Hartman on the
problems of delivering breast
milk to special care baby units.
3.60 News; Masters' India an 18-part
serialisation of John Master's
saga Book Three the Lotus and
the Wind (r).
4.00 News; My kind of Folk. With
Ashiby Hutchings, of the Albion
Band.

4.10 The Mind in Focus. A series 4.10 The Mind in Pools. A series exploring current thinking in psychology. 4: Intelligence. Peter Evans chairs a discussion.

4.40 Story Time: Laugh with Lardner (5) "At and Mrs Fodt". Read by Peter Marinker. crematorium ansuphone, charting the seasons from Spring's "carpets of pink heather" to Winter's "blankets of snow" and a false,

pony.

• Reaching its third movement, Radio 3's musical comedy BROOMHOUSE REACH (7.00pm) continues to build – slickly and

5.00 PM; News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.56 Weather. 6.00 The Six o'Clock News: Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places. Transport and travel magazine.

S.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
 Includes comment on Cortolarus
 at the Officer Theatre.

 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Afr Facey
Romford's Hounds" by R. S.
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Radio 3 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Starzer's Divartimento in C; Beethoven's O war' lch schon mit dir vereint (Fidelio); Jurinac (soprano); Schubert's Symphony No 5, †

8.00 News.
8.85 Concert (contd): Mozart's overture La clemenza di Tito; Schumann's Adegio and Allegro in A flat Op 70 (Holliger/Brendel);

Brahms's Alto Rhapsody
(Hodgson, contralto); Strauss's
Symphonic Poem Don Juan. †
9.00 News.

8.05 This Week's Composer: Haydn.
Introduzione (Seven Last Words);
Mass No 14 in B flat (with soloists
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10.00 Homages to Rameau and Couperin: Plano recitel by Anne Queffelec, Ravel's Pretude (Tombeau dde Couperin); Couperin's Le tic-toc choc, ou les maillotina; and other works; Pameau's Le Rappel des ossaux, etc, Debussy's Reflects dans l'eau; Hommege a Rameau; Mptwement (Images, Book 1).†

10.40 Northern Strifonta (Seaman conducting). Arriaga's overture Notinem Sanona (Seaman conducting). Arriaga 's overture The Happy Slaves: Strauss's Prelude and Dance Scene (Ariadne auf Novos); Arnota's Larch Trees; Mozart's Symphos

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11.35 Peter Warlock Songs: Peter Savidge (barttone) with Devid Oven Norts (plano), including Belloc's Fancy; and The Cricketers of Hambledon.1

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(conductor Downes) with Michae Roll (plano). Part one. Wagner's overture Rienzi; Schumann's Piano Concerto.: 1.00 News. 1.05 Concert: part two. RimskyKorsakov's symphonic suite
Scheherazade.†
2.00 Cello and Pisuro: Moray Weish
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2.45 Reiner conducts Brahms:
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3.25 Harpsichord Music: Robert
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4.00 Choral Evensong: from
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4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Plessure: David
Hoult's selection of music.†
6.30 Music for Guitar: Wolfgang
Landie plays works by Rodrigo
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Haydn's Quartet in B minor Op33
No 1; and Tippett's Quartet No 2; 8.15 Poetry Now: Ann Aris and Patrick Romerread Kevin Crossisy-Holland's selection. Poets include

Anna Adams and Rodney Pybus.

8.35 Lindsay String Quartet in C Op 59 No. 3 (Rasumovsky).

9.15 Heifetz and Beecham: The London Philharmonic Orchestra play Sibellus's Violin Concertoin D minor/mono). minor(mono). 9.45 Of Cacresand Kings: Sixth of John

4.4 Or Cacres and Kings: Seth of John Key's series about life in South-East Asia. Tonight: From Rice to Riches, a study of development policy je the region.
 10.30 Schmitt and Strauss: BBC Singers perform Florent Schmitt's Hymne a l'été, and Strauss's Deutsche Motette.

11.00 Ayrestorthe Theatre: Instrumental music torthe Restoration stage. With the Parley of Instruments and Baroque Orchestra. † 11.40 Mozart: Natherlands Wind Ensemble play the Divertmento for three basset homs K 438b No

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take actions that will bring the NCB back to the negotiating table in order to settle the dispute in the coal industry; to support all possible measures designed to enable the NUM to continue with its functions; that urgent and detailed discussions will take place between the TUC and the NUM and their respective advisers as to the manner in which the above matters shall be implemented, it being acknowledged that the most important factor is to achieve a negotiated settlement.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, read out a three paragraph statement after vesterday's talks adding "We are seeking to get a negotiated settlement. We understand the urgency. It is not just Christmas - it is the future of the coal industry and the pits."

The TUC's legal advice ironically gives the go-ahead for strikes in support of the miners on the grounds that so long as they are held to be in support of the NUM's industrial objectives then they will not attract actions for contempt in the High Court.

But the TUC openly acknowledges that such stoppages would still lay any union and group of workers open to litigation under the Government's labour laws that forbid

Further meetings are likely

Negligence case filed against Union Carbide

Continued from page 1 The chairman of Union

Carbide, Mr Warren Anderson, who has flown from the United States, remained in Bombay yesterday, and has not yet made any attempt to visit the factory.

As hundreds of vultures hovered over the bloated carcases of thousands of goats, buffaloes and cows in the streets of Bhopai yesterday, a house to house search of the town and neighbouring villages revealed that the figure of dead had reached 2.000.

In Bombay, the chairman of the Indian subsidiary, Mr Keshub Mahindra, said yesterday that every effort would be made to help the victims.

Lethal chemicals, page 5



Frederick the Fifth, the Elector Palatine (left), who was married to Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia (right). Both portraits are by Gerrit van Honthorst.

Queen of Bohemia's final adieu

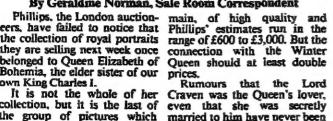
By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

the collection of royal portraits range of £600 to £3,000. But the they are selling next week once connection with the Winter belonged to Queen Elizabeth of Queen should at least double Bohemia, the elder sister of our prices.

the group of pictures which her death passed to her faithful cavalier and protector that he financed the military William, Lord Craven. They campaigns of her husband and have been consigned for sale by the administrators of the estate of the seventh Lord Craven who committed suicide last year.

There are 84 Craven pictures for sale, including eighteenth and nineteenth century works some notable sporting pictures which have nothing to do with the Queen. But 18 of the seventeenth

century portraits depict her children, her parents, or her grandparents. And there is a painting of the finest hour of the Elizabeth left her chattels to her Queen's sad life, a festive marine picture of her arrival with her new husband, the Elector Palatine, at Flushing after their marriage in England



proven. But it is a matter of fact sons, as well as supporting Elizabeth and her 13 children in London house at her disposal. acting as her major-domo.

second son, Prince Rupert who was devoted to Craven with whom he had campaigned in Germany. At his death in 1682 Elector Palatine, at Flushing Germany. At his death in 1682 The collection was passed after their marriage in England. he left Craven his goods in trust down the Craven family. Its The portraits are not, in the for his mistreess Margaret dispersal began in 1961 after the

Recital by Margaret Fingerhut, Colfoe School Hall, Bridport,

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Queen's devoted cavalier. Attri-buted to the studio of Sir Anthony Van Dyck.

supported the two ladies and it Rupert's pictures from her.

death of Cornelia, Countess of Craven, who bequeathed one group of portraits to the royal family and another to the National Portrait Gallery.

After the death of the sixth Earl in 1965, another group were ceded in lieu of estate duty and went to the National Trust to hang at Ashdown Park, a hunting box built by Craven for the Queen. In 1968 there was a further auction at Sotheby's.

The paintings to be sold at Phillips in two picture sales, on December 11 and 18, are the last of the portraits left in the family, according to Lady Craven. The seventh Earl's settled

estate and his title passed to his younger brother Simon last year after he shot himself at the age of 26. However, his personal fortune passed to his son Tommy by Miss Anne Nicholson. Tommy was born in 1981 and registered as the Earl's son. After a blood test, the Cravens have accepted his parentage. The proceeds of the picture sale will go to the boy though the administrators who will look

Fight goes on, says man in Jaws shirt

typing paper could not shift several tonnes of earth, tree and rock.

Had they not heard that within the last few bours their leader had agreed to dismantle all roadblocks, as 17 of their number in jail for three weeks had been released as a peace gesture? No, they had heard no such order.

The Melanesians, who were here first, wanted back their land that had been progressively stolen from them by the French over more than a century. When the nickel deposits of Thio, the third largest in the world, were first worked commercially in the 1960s, did not the French rash out many more settlers to ensure they were not optains-bered? Would, I asked, the French

special commissioner achieve an acceptable peace settlement? No, because he was a French-man and would demand a referendum which the French majority would inevitably win. So what then? The struggle would continue, but Jaws and his men were not quite sure how. More guns, and perhaps

Did they consider themselves Marxists? Jawa shrugged Marxista? Jawa shrugged; their only politics were the independence of Kanaky, as they have rechristened New

outside aid.

Jaws reamined civil but the others, including he of the machete, were growing bored, and bored men with big, rusty knives might start looking for things to cut. Like tyres, or

Jaws took my road map and pointed the way back. All the way down to the next bend I could seem them in the mirror, staring me out of sight. Down on the beach, the tourists succeed their carefree afternoon away.

Auction ring plea fails

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, has turned down a request by Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, to refer to the Director of Public Prosecutions the circumstances surrounding an auction in Gloucestershire last summer. The matter was the subject of an article in The Times last

Monday after allegations that dealers had formed a ring at a sale at Hawksbury in July. Frank Johnson at the Savoy

Choice gathering of **Parliamentarians**

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, was yesterday named Parliamentarian of the Year. FRANK JOHNSON, erstwhile observer of the parliamentary scene, went along to see the politicians at play.

A kincheon was held at the Savoy Hotel, London yester-day at which the first Parliamentarian of the Year Awards were announced.

The awards were made jointly by The Spectator, the intoxicating weekly paper, and Highland Park, the influential, cliust Scotch Whisky. They are to be made every year from now until Parliament closes through lack of readers or The Speciator is over-thrown. Even then it is likely that the tradition will be kept

that the tradition will be kept going by the firm which makes. Highland Park.
Certainly, Highland Park kept several of the luncheon guests going well into the afternoon yesterday. That could explain why some of the above sentences from the present writer could be read just as well the other way around. But, in a departure from the procedure often adopted when their author used to report Parliament in this space, this account is being composed after the event described. One did one's best to remain an independent observer, but Highland Park succeeded in influencing the reporter's mind.

A year ago I renounced reporting Parliamentarians for ever. That renunciation did not include reporting Parliais Parliament at its best, Familiar faces beamed around the tables but how was the list of MP guests compiled, I

A decision had been taken not to include all 600 MPs, probably for security reasons (600 MPs, fuelled by Highland Park, would pose a consider-able security threat to the Savoy).
This annual luncheon

however, will undoubtedly become a fashionable event. Over the years MPs who are invited will incor the envy of those who are not many a Labour member will deselected on the strength of receiving an invitation.

The choice was probably made according to how each

MP, accurately or inaccurately, is generally regarded, something which happens to them remarkably soon after they are elected. So Mr George

there for being regarded as brilliant: Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, Conservative, for being regarded as nice; Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour, for being regarded as nasty. Mr Peter Snape, Labour, was probably there because he

once did a real job as a railwayman. Several others

were there because they had never done a job in their lives. The government whip. Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, was there because his family having founded and English school in Spain; he could speak Spanish and could therefore help out if the Savoy ran out of waiters.

The ceremony was the same as that for Miss World, except that the shy participants were interviewed by Lord Grimmond after they won. A junior minister, Mr Malcolm Rif-kind, came first as winner of the award for Man to Watch, Mr Charles Moore, the Spectator's editor, sought to clear up the confusion as to whether this meant he needed to be watched by M15. After all, his department is the Foreign Office.

As with Miss World, it emerged that Mr Rifkind liked to travel, which is just as well since they are always sending him to places such as Poland. Mr_Tam_Dalyell, Labour,

was Trouble maker of the Year, but was unable to be present because he was away causing trouble. Mr Nicholas Budgen, Conservative, was Back bencher of the Year, Dr John Cunningham, Labour, was Debater of the Year, in spite of the fact that his subject is local government.

And so to Parliamentarian of the Year. It was Dr David

Owen. His ambition was to work as a Prime Minister. He reminded us that Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour, not present, had already awarded him Pompous Sod, but had had to withdraw the Sod. Dr Owen launched into a

serious speech about constitutional reform. Whereupon Mr Eric Heffer, Labour, shouted: "He withdraw the wrong word," and thus im-mediately became Heckler of the Year. Mr. Willie

Labour, was presumably representing the Queen. Mr John Stokes, Conservative, for being a gentleman. Others for being bounders. Mr Peter Tapsell, Conservative, for being brave; others for being

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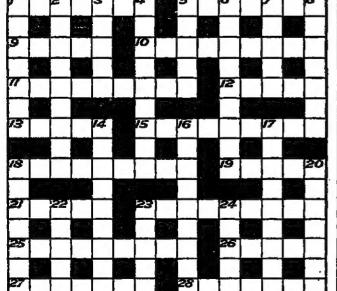
Today's events

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, visits the Bowles Out, Goor Pursuits Centre, Eridge Green, East Sussex 225.

The Princess of Wales visits Princes of water visits Princes of water visits Princes of Arriving at the Council House, 5.15, and later attends a carol service in Bristol Cathedral as Patron of British Red Cross Youth,

Princess Anne attends the Saints

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,605



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23 Main street Arab, a prickly sort 25 Chance of success for fighter's comeback is improving (7,2).

26 Sprinter takes one run at either

end (5). 27 Where to shelter from bugle call 28 Biblical hair remover (7).

1 The fruit in Queen Sophie's salad (4-3).

2 They are used to knock the tops off shells (3-6).

3 Idol, most typical when spitting 4 What a gaudy pub for Geneva

bishop's residence! (3-6). Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Music

and Sinners luncheon at the Savoy | Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Hotel, 12.30. | Food prices attends the Higher and Honorary Degrees Ceremony of the Univer-sity of Surrey at Guildford Cathedral, 4.10.

New exhibitions The birth of the Ark Royal by Edward Chambre Hardman, Im-

pressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliergate, York: Tues to Sat 10 to 6: closed from 23 Dec to 1 Jan. Photographs by Annie Liebovitz

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Concert by BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Lancaster University, 7.30. Concert by the Scottish Chamber

Orchestra, Mitchell Hall, Aberdeen Concert by Liverpool Music Society Orchestra, Mountford Hall, Students Union, Liverpool, 7.30. Concert by Coventry Youth Orchestra, Coventry Cathedral, 7. Concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cerdiff, 7.30.

Concert by Peterborough String Orchestra, Ely Maltings, Cambridgeshire. 7. Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 30. Concert by London Baroque and

Conrad Steinmann, Christ's Hospital Arts Centre, Horsham, Sussex, Talks, lectures

Again, by Avril Gibb, Greenock Philosophical Society, Watt Hall, Kelly St, Greenock, 7,30. mier and the Caricatum Tradition, by Martin Baillie, Obar Art Society, Park Hotel, Oban, 7.30. A Shakespeare Scrapbook, by Tom Martin, Roseangle Gallery, Roseangle, Dandee, 7.30. Etruscan Art, by K Hazell, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 11.

Statchat: 30th talk by David Clayton, 1.10; non-commutative caylon. 1.10; non-commutative unique factorisation domains, seminar with A W Chatters. 3.15; Organs of Communication, by Percy Turnbull, 5.30; the Old Sraight Track: Ley Lines and Archaeology, by T Williamson, 7; all at Leicester University.

General Craft Fayre, the Guildhall, Royal Parade, Plymouth, Devon 9.30 to

War and Peace. by Keele University Drama Society, Walter Moberly Hall University of Keele, Staffs, 7.30. Bath Stage Club "Music Hall Tavern" at the Pavilion, North Parade Road, Bath. 7.45. Alternative comedy with Oscar McLennan. Third Eye Centre, Studio Theatre, 350 Sauciehall St.

Anniversaries

Glasgow, 7.30.

Births: Gian Lorenzo Beruini, sculptor, Naples, 1598; Stuart Davis, abstract painter. Philadelphia, 1894. Deaths: Cicero, executed. Caicta. Italy. 43BC; Str Peter Lely, portrait painter, London. 1680; Meindert Hobbena, landscape painter, Amsterdam, 1709; William Birgh, capitain of HMS Bounty, London. 1817; John Flaxman, sculptor, London. 1826; Flaxman, sculptor. London, 1826; Edward Irving, leader of the Catholic Apostolic Church, Glas-gow, 1834; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, 1962;

Apart from filberts (hazelnuts), supplies and quality of nuts are Recital by Caryl Thomas (harp) with Leicester Grammar School Chamber Choir, St Mary de Castro, good and prices reasonable. The Italian crop is said to be 60 per cent down on last year because of bad weather in the early growing season which stunted the swelling of the nuts. Larger brazils are scarce but small and medium sized are are a little dearer this year.
American salouts, at 85p-95p a pound, are larger and thinner shelled than those from China at (60-75p) which accounts for the difference in price. Top-quality mixed nuts are probably the best value. Algerian and Tunisian glove-packed dates sell at 75p-95p and Spanish honeypacked figs at 50-60p, both in 8-oz packs. Fresh cran-berries, available from November to early January, not only an essentia accompaniment to roast turkey but also useful in puddings, cost 65pfor a 12oz big. Avocados, at 28p-40p are still good value. Oranges have improved in quality and range from 6p-20p each. Satsumas are 20-32p a pound and small Corsican clementines 25-30p. Comice and Conference pears, which range from

25p-40p and small and medium buys.

Supplies of fish for the weekend should be better as the weather has improved for the fishermen. Lodge cod fillets average £1.49, haddock fillets £1.57 and plaice £1.70. Huss, at £1.30, boned herring 70p a pound, and mackerel 62p, are among the best buys. Marks & Spencer have many varieties of fish in batter or breadcrumbs on special offer this week. Bejam have frozen peeled prawns at £2.69 a pound. peeled prawns at £2.69 a pound, breaded scamps at £1.99 and Bellarena smoked salmon at £3.49

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the £10,000 Premimum Bond draw for December are: 11AL 678697 (the winner lives in Hampshire); 23AS 758697 (Berwickshire); DK 763611 (Lancashire); DP 619549 (Leeds); 1JL 593837 (Hampshire).

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on

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Top films

The top box-office films in London:

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Top video rentals

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Roads

Midlands: Mi Two lanes available for traffic heading S at junction 15. Northampton between 8am and form and again between 10pm and Wales and West: A5: One lane

Wales and West: A5: One lane traffic W of Corwen, Clwyd; temporary lights. M14: One lane westbound between junctions 17 and 13: Cirencester: to Bath, Wiltshire/Avon. A48: Cardiff-Chepstow temporary lights 24 hrs on Pwilmeyric Hill, Chepstow, Gwent. North: A38: Wigan Road closed Westoughton, Bolton, from junction with Southfield Drive. A616: Traffic control from Deepcar, through Stockbridge to Langsett, Yorkshire delays. Contraflow on southbound carriageway of A1, junction with A684, NW of Thirsk.

Sootland: Bridge damage, lights 24hrs. A702 at Carlops. A94 Single-

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The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expended from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

Troughs of low pressure will cross north western districts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, SW England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands. Dry, surrey intervals; wind SW fresh; mex temp 9C to 11C (48F to 52F). W Midlands, S, N Wales, NW, central N England: Mostly dry, surrey intervals;

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Lake District, late of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdsee: Cloudy, a little rain or drizzle at times; wind S strong to gale; max temp 8C to 10C (48F to 50F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Northern Inelend: Cloudy, outcreaks of rain, heavy at times; wind S, strong to gale; max temp 7C to 9C (45F to 48F).

Monny Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Angyll, Orlowy, Shedland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, becoming drier during evening: wind S, strong to gale, locally sevens; max temp

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Outlook for tememow and Sundary: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain in N, showers turning wintly over higher ground on Saturday, Mostly dry with sunny intervals in S. Temperatures near normal with highir frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: Seeth North See, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E); Wird SW fresh, locally strong, sea moderate, becoming rough. St George's Channel: Wind SW strong or gale, sea rough or vary rough, Irlah Sec. Wind SW gale, occasionally severe gale, sea vary rough. Sun riseu: 7.52 am Son sets: 3.62 pm

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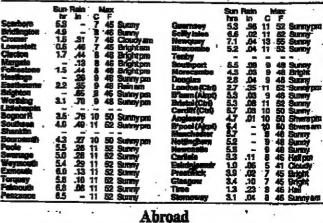
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